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Powerful Typhoon Chaba on track to slam Sasebo

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Members of the U.S. women's basketball team hug Dawn Staley (5) after defeating Australia 74-63 to win the gold medal Saturday at the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The team has won 25 straight Olympic tilts.



Perfect ending

U.S. women's basketball team
tops Australia to win third-straight
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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Killer bees: A swarm of bees that attacked a work crew in Oklahoma City earlier this month may be of the Africanized variety, which would mark the furthest north the so-called "killer" bees have traveled in the United States, scientists said.

Ten Commandments judge: Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore said Thursday he is writing a book on why accusations of God by public officials — including his controversial Ten Commandments monument — are both legal and necessary.

Moore was expelled from office in November for refusing a federal judge's order to remove his 5,280-pound Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of the state judicial building. He has appealed.

New Jersey governor: Golan Cipel, the man who claims he was sexually harassed by Gov. James E. McGreevey, said he might drop his plans to sue if the governor apologizes, the man's attorney said Thursday.

McGreevey spokesman Micah Rasmusen said the governor would not apologize to Cipel, his former homeland security adviser, because no sexual harassment took place.

Bobbitt arrested: A lawyer for John Wayne Bobbitt said Friday that Bobbitt was wrongly jailed on domestic violence charges in Las Vegas after trying to break up a fight between his wife and her teenage son. Las Vegas police said Bobbitt, 37, punched his 14-year-old stepson and shoved his wife of 2½ years during an argument at their Las Vegas home. Bobbitt was being held at the Clark County jail on \$10,000 bail pending arraignment Monday.

Bobbitt gained fame in 1993 when his first wife, Lorena, cut off his penis at their apartment in Manassas, Va. She was found innocent by reason of insanity, after arguing that Bobbitt abused her.

Murdered Ocean City tourists: Maryland's highest court upheld the convictions Friday of a husband and wife who murdered and dismembered a tourist couple from Virginia they met in Ocean City over Memorial Day weekend in 2002.

In separate trials last year, Benjamin and Erika Sifrits, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., were found guilty of murdering Martha Crutchley and Joshua Ford, both of Fairfax, Va., back to their condo and shooting the pair in a bathroom. They then cut the bodies up and dumped them in a trash bin.



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Manning the deck at night: Under the glow of flight deck lights, aircraft and personnel move about during night flight operations aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

To reduce mishaps, all personnel working on the flight deck wear reflective tape on flotation jackets and cranials, and communicate with a unique sign language using special colored flashlights. Currently under way, the Kitty Hawk demonstrates power projection and sea control, as the world's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, operating from Yokosuka, Japan.

Brain-damaged woman: The biggest name in the race in Clearwater, Fla., between a Florida circuit judge and his rival is one voters will never hear the two candidates speak — Terri Schiavo.

Circuit Judge George Greer is the probate court judge in Pinellas County who has twice ruled that the brain-damaged wom-

an's husband could withdraw her feeding tube. Both of Greer's rulings have been thwarted and the tube reinserted.

Greer's opponent, lawyer Jan Gowan, decided to run against the veteran judge in part because of the woman's case.

Oklahoma bridge collapse: The National Transportation Safety Board will hold a public board meeting in Washington, D.C., next week to discuss its final report on the deadly Interstate 40 bridge collapse near Webbers Falls in Muskogee, Okla.

It's been more than two years since a towboat pushing two empty barges crashed into one of the bridge's piers, causing a 500-foot section of the span to collapse and sending eight passenger vehicles and three tractor-trailer rigs into the Arkansas River below, killing 14 people.

Flu shot shortage: U.S. health officials said they do not expect a flu shot shortage after a leading flu vaccine maker warned that it would hold up millions of doses because several batches were contaminated.

World

Warrants sought for Thatcher: Equatorial Guinea has requested international arrest warrants for Mark Thatcher, son of the former British prime minister, and other British financiers accused in an alleged coup plot in this tiny oil-rich nation, the deputy premier said Saturday.

But the government denied it had asked South Africa for the extradition of Thatcher, already under house arrest there after his arrest on South African charges in the case.

Aide to Carlos the Jackal: Prosecutors on Thursday appealed a Berlin court's decision to acquit an aide to the terrorist Carlos the Jackal of involvement in three 1980s bombings in France that left six people dead.

Johannes Weirich, 57, was charged with six counts of murder and 22 counts of attempted murder for his alleged role in twin New Year's Eve blasts at the main train station in Marseille that killed five people in 1983 and a car bombing in Paris that killed a passer-by the previous year.

Chechnya unrest: The Russian military said more than five dozen rebel fighters were killed in Chechnya over five days last week, since insurgents staged a bold series of attacks on police and polling stations in the Chechen capital, a Russian news agency reported Thursday.

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Sasebo braces for Chaba's winds

Typhoon to affect base on all paths

By GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — No scenario seems to exist that spares Sasebo the brute force of Typhoon Chaba.

The typhoon, forecast to pass over or very close to Kyushu on Monday morning, was about 426 miles southeast of Sasebo Naval Base on Saturday afternoon with wind gusts up to 161 mph.

The base entered Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness Three earlier in the day, meaning destructive-force winds of 58 mph or greater are expected within 48 hours.

A school official who asked to not be named said base schools will be closed Monday, what would have been the first day of classes. If the typhoon's intensity wanes, the entire base would close to all but essential personnel, said base spokesman Charles T. Howard.

"The theme here has been that this typhoon should be taken very, very seriously and every precaution should be taken," said Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron Kawczak, a forecaster with Sasebo's Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment.

"I've looked through the records we have that go back to before the U.S. assumed control of the base. The latest recorded wind speed from a typhoon is about 60 knots (69 mph). So this one is likely to be the strongest in at least 60 years," he said.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Hawaii predicts Chaba will pass 231 miles northeast of Okinawa on Sunday afternoon and make landfall Monday morning over western Kyushu.

As a precaution, security personnel Saturday surveyed main base housing areas, asking residents to secure or bring inside objects that could be hurled about by strong winds, residents said.

The two possibilities officials list are Chaba passing west or east of Sasebo.

The worst track would have Chaba moving west of the base. The sustained wind would be 98 mph with gusts up to 115 mph.

"That is strong enough that it would definitely cause structural damages, especially in older structures not built to withstand that strength," Kawczak said.

Kawczak said personnel living off base who are uncomfortable in their homes now that such a powerful typhoon is en route should take base commander Capt. Michael James' offer to stay in bachelor enlisted housing until the storm passes.

In the "better" scenario, the typhoon passes east of Sasebo with wind velocity about 52 mph and gusts up to 69 mph.

In either case, at least two inches of rain are expected.

Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness

Tropical cyclone track forecasts are used to determine the threat or onset of a tropical cyclone's damaging or destructive force winds. Conditions of Readiness criteria are established by U.S. Forces Japan, Individual commands and tenant activities have established local procedures that are implemented with each COR setting to ensure the safety of personnel and property.

For example, Commander Naval Forces Japan sets Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness for Sasebo Naval Base and other facilities in its area of operations; however, TCCOR One Caution, One Emergency and All Clear are set by the base commanding officers.

Each COR and recommended actions are listed below:

TCCOR Four:

Destructive force winds of 50 knots or greater are expected within 72 hours. Plan for worsening conditions and review storm preparation checklist, evacuation plan and check emergency supplies. All loose outdoor equipment and materials should be brought inside or secured to eliminate missile hazards (grills, trash cans, playground sets, houseplants, etc.).

TCCOR Three:

Destructive force winds of 50 knots or greater are expected within 48 hours. Fuel vehicles, stock canned goods, store drinking water and cooking utensils. Secure buildings by closing typhoon shutters or boarding up windows. Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting.

TCCOR Two:

Destructive force winds of 50 knots or greater are expected within 24 hours. Preparations should be rushed to completion. Ensure sufficient cash and important documents are handy in case of evacuation. Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest levels of your home.

TCCOR One:

Destructive force winds of 50 knots or greater are expected within 12 hours. Preparations should be completed. Weather conditions will begin to deteriorate from this point on. Be prepared to seek shelter on short notice.

TCCOR Status

Current Force	1 Caution	2 Emergency	Storm Watch	One	All Clear
	Damaging winds of 34 to 49 knots are occurring on station.	Destructive force winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring on station.	Destructive force winds are not expected to occur on station.	Destructive force winds of 50 knots or greater have moved off station and are no longer forecast to occur.	Winds of 35 knots or greater have moved off station and are no longer forecast to occur.
Actions	Stay inside and away from windows, skylights and glass doors. Keep a supply of flashlights, batteries, mops, rags and buckets handy. If power is lost, unplug major appliances. Stay inside until notified it is safe for you to exit your residence.	Stay inside and away from windows, skylights and glass doors. Keep a supply of flashlights, batteries, mops, rags and buckets handy. If power is lost, unplug major appliances. Stay inside until notified it is safe for you to exit your residence.	However, the storm is expected to pass dangerously close and any shift in storm track may warrant issuance of advance warnings. Remain alert as rapid changes to TCCOR conditions could occur.	Remain inside. Work and survey crews at your buildings the extent of damage to the zones around hazards (downed power lines, unstable structures, etc.). Stay inside until either All Clear or Storm Watch has been set.	It is safe for all residents to go outside. Check your buildings for damage and report any damage to the Public Works trouble call desk at 252-3535. Beware of snakes, insects and animals driven to higher ground by floodwaters.

*One Caution, One Emergency and All Clear set by the base commanding officers

Source: Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Public Reference Site, www.jtwc.navy.mil/jtwc/pubref/reference.html

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Workers at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, spent Saturday making sure that anything that could be a hazard when blown about by a typhoon is secured. Benches, garbage receptacles and free-standing gazebos were lashed down in anticipation of the arrival of Typhoon Chaba.

"It is still too early to determine exactly when and where the storm will pass, but a passage west or

east of the Sasebo area will mean the difference of about 46 mph or greater in observed winds," said

the Saturday afternoon NPMOD forecast.

After passing Sasebo, the typhoon is forecast to turn in a north-easterly direction toward southwestern Honshu. Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station also entered into TCCOR 3, a weather office forecaster said Saturday, in anticipation of Chaba passing about 46 miles southwest of the base Monday afternoon.

Iwakuni residents also were instructed to secure or bring inside objects susceptible to being blown about. Forecasters in Iwakuni said they expect maximum sustained winds of 57 mph and gusts up to 81 mph.

Kawczak said typhoons moving toward Kyushu are seldom as intense as Chaba. When it passes at its closest point to Sasebo, wind nearest the center of the typhoon will be 115 mph.

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Retiring Waskow to leave this fall

By VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The senior U.S. military representative in Japan is retiring this fall.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, commander of the 5th Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan, will officially vacate the posts Oct. 1, Air Force officials announced. He arrived at Yokota in November 2001.

President Bush recently nominated Air Force Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, who's currently serving as vice commander of the Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va., to replace Waskow. His appointment remains subject to Senate confirmation.

"We have no firm dates

yet on when the ceremony will take place, but we're tentatively planning for an early October change-of-command ceremony," said Air Force Col. Victor Warzinski, a USFJ spokesman. "Gen. Waskow will remain in place until Gen. Wright is confirmed by the Senate and arrives at Yokota."



Waskow

Waskow's retirement ceremony will take place in the United States, Warzinski said. A date and location have not been determined.

Waskow is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours, including 904 in combat.

According to his biography, Waskow was commissioned in 1970 upon graduation from the Air Force Academy. Early in his career, he flew 282 combat missions over South Vietnam and Cambodia.

He's served in overseas locations for 13 of the past 15 years, including stints in Okinawa, Belgium, Italy, Guam and Hawaii.

When he arrived at Yokota, Waskow vowed to "improve the quality of life for our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard assigned to Japan. You have given our two countries your total support, and I will give you mine."

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FBI probes alleged spying at Pentagon

BY CURT ANDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI is investigating whether a Pentagon analyst fed to Israel secret materials about White House deliberations on Iran. The investigation could strain U.S.-Israeli relations and muddy the Bush administration's Middle East policy.

No arrests have been made, said two federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation. A third law enforcement official, also speaking anonymously, said an arrest in the case could come as early as next week.

Two of those officials raised the possibility the government might not bring espionage charges, but rather one that could include the mishandling of sensitive government material.

The officials refused to identify the Pentagon employee under investigation but said the person is an analyst in the office of Douglas J. Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy, the Pentagon's No. 3 official.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, traveling with President Bush on a campaign visit in Dayton, Ohio, said he was not in a position to discuss a continuing investigation.

"Obviously, any time there is an allegation of this nature, it's a serious matter," he said.

The Pentagon said in a statement the investigation involves an employee at "the desk officer level, who was not in a position to have significant influence over U.S. policy. Nor could a foreign power be in a position to influence U.S. policy through this individual."

Analyst may have fed Israel info on U.S. policy toward Iran

One of the law enforcement officials said the person was not in a policy-making position but had access to extremely sensitive information about U.S. policy toward Iran.

The Pentagon said Friday night it had cooperated with the Justice Department for "an extended period of time."

David Siegel, a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., said, "We categorically deny these allegations. They are completely false and outrageous."

Feith is an influential aide to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who works on sensitive policy issues including U.S. policy toward Iraq and Iran. Feith's office includes a group assigned specifically to work on Iran.

Feith also oversaw the Pentagon's defunct Office of Special Plans, which critics said fed policy-makers uncorroborated press intelligence on President Saddam Hussein's Iraq, especially involving purported ties with the al-Qaida terror network. Pentagon officials have said the office was a small operation that provided fresh analysis on existing intelligence.

The investigation centers on whether the Pentagon analyst

passed secrets about U.S. policy on Iran to the main pro-Israeli lobbying group in Washington, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which then was said to have given the secrets to the Israeli government, one official said. Both AIPAC and Israel deny the allegations.

In Israel, the chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee said Saturday that Israel worries about Iran's nuclear policies. But Yuval Steinitz said he is confident the government has not abandoned a 20-year-old decision not to spy on the United States.

Bush has identified Iran as part of an "axis of evil," along with North Korea and the Iraqi government deposed by the U.S.-led invasion last year.

Yet his administration has battled internally over how hard a line to take toward Iran. The State Department generally has advocated more moderate positions. More conservative officials in the Defense Department and some at the White House's National Security Council have advocated tougher policies.

Israel, one of the United States' strongest allies, has long backed its current prime minister, Ariel Sharon, to push the United States toward a



Feith



Pollard

Some recent major U.S. espionage cases

■ Former FBI agent Robert Hansen pleaded guilty in 2001 and was sentenced to life in prison without parole for spying for Moscow over a period of two decades. Authorities said Hansen received two Rolex watches and \$600,000 in cash and diamonds for his spying, which peaked at the height of the Cold War, and his information led to the deaths of at least three spies overseas.

■ Brian Patrick Regan, a retired Air Force master sergeant, was sentenced to life in prison without parole in 2003 for offering to sell U.S. intelligence secrets to President Saddam Hussein's Iraq. He was convicted of attempted espionage on behalf of China as well.

■ Ana Belen Montes, a U.S. in-

telligence analyst who confessed in 2002 to spying for Cuba over 16 years, was sentenced on espionage charges to 25 years in prison.

■ George Trofimoff, a retired Army Reserve colonel, was convicted in 2001 of spying for the Soviet Union and Russia for a quarter of a century. He allegedly photographed U.S. documents and passed the film to KGB agents and later was recruited into the Soviet secret police, the KGB. He was sentenced to life in prison.

■ In 1997, Earl Pitts, who was stationed at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., was sentenced to 27 years in prison after admitting he spied for Moscow during and after the Cold War.

— The Associated Press

tougher stance against Iran. The Israeli tactics have raised questions whether inside information may have been used to try to influence U.S. policy.

AIPAC said in a statement that the lobbying group was "fully cooperating with the governmental authorities and will continue to do so." It said any allegation of criminal conduct by the group or its employees was "baseless and false."

The Pentagon investigation has included wiretapping and surveillance and searches of the suspected Pentagon employee's computer, the law enforcement officials said.

Despite the close U.S.-Israeli

relations, this is not the first allegation of spying on Israel's behalf.

Jonathan Pollard, a former naval intelligence officer, was convicted of giving top-secret documents to Israel in the mid-1980s. He continues to be a point of contention in U.S.-Israeli relations. The Israeli government has repeatedly pressed for his release, but intelligence officials have called the information he passed to the Israelis highly damaging.

Pollard was caught in Washington in November 1985, and was arrested after unsuccessfully seeking refuge at the Israeli Embassy.

NORTHCOM, NORAD seek to avoid repeat of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

BY ROBERT WELLER

The Associated Press

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The windowless room inside a nondescript building on this Colorado air base is jammed with computer screens. Bridge safety reports flash on one screen, while photographs of Madison Square Garden scroll nearby ahead of the Republican National Convention in New York.

A handful of military installations in and around Colorado Springs are the heart of the U.S. military's anti-terrorism network, which has been under scrutiny since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The staff at Northern Command headquarters and nearby Cheyenne Mountain, where the North American Aerospace Defense Command is hidden under tons of granite, admittedly wasn't ready for the airborne attacks that day. The focus had been on an attack from a major power or a renegade country like North Korea.

NORAD, formed with Canada during the Cold War, was monitoring only 20 percent of the flights over the United States then, due to a lack of radar.

Now there is 100 percent coverage and a direct link from staff here to the Federal Aviation Administration. Since Sept. 11, fighters here have been scrambled more than 1,500 times. NORTHCOM staff even know if a pilot calls for help with a drunken passenger.

"We want to connect the dots for our commanders, which is easy to say but hard to do," said the director of NORTHCOM's Intelligence Directorate, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Our job is to characterize threats, and provide warnings."

An electronic wall map showed all civilian airliners in the air over the Lower 48 states. A plane that veers from its flight path is supposed to be notified swiftly. Given the 10 minutes or more authorities say it would take for a hijacker to

smash through reinforced cockpit doors, NORTHCOM staff say they would have a chance at shooting down the jetliner.

"We are prepared to do it," said Gen. Ed Eberhart, commander of NORAD and NORTHCOM. "The cause there are likely hundreds if not thousands on the ground who are going to die. So if the people on the aircraft are going to die anyway, then it's something we have to do."

Eberhart, an Air Force pilot who flew hundreds of missions in Vietnam, told the Sept. 11 commission in June that fighter jets could have shot down all four hijacked jetliners had his staff been notified immediately that day.

Air defense agencies "were unprepared for the type of attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001," the report said. "They struggled, under difficult circumstances, to improvise a homeland defense against an unprecedented challenge they had never encountered and had never trained to meet."

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Militants, U.S. forces clash in Baghdad

BY TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Shiite militants and U.S. forces battled Saturday in Baghdad's Sadr City slum, and a mortar barrage slammed into a busy eastern neighborhood in a new round of violence in the capital that left five people dead and dozens wounded, officials said.

The violence contrasted with calm in the holy city of Najaf, where residents cleaned up broken glass and rubble and returned to their wrecked offices and shops after three weeks of devastating clashes between Shiite fighters and U.S. troops.

But gunbattles broke out between militants and U.S. forces in Sadr City, a Baghdad stronghold of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia.

U.S. soldiers in Humvees drove through the impoverished neighborhood with loudspeakers, demanding people stay home because coalition forces were "cleaning the area of armed men," according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene. There was sporadic gunfire.

Saad al-Amili, a Health Ministry official, said three people were killed and 25 were wounded in the skirmishes.

Also, militants fired assault ri-

fles and rocket-propelled grenades at American troops patrolling the area, said U.S. Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, adding that U.S. forces suffered no casualties. Fighters fired eight mortar shells at U.S. troops in Sadr City but missed, hitting a small power station and knocking out electricity to a six-block area, he said.

Militants raged, insurgents fired mortars into a crowded eastern Baghdad neighborhood, killing two boys washing cars in a street near the former Iraqi National Olympic Committee building, said Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman.

The dead teens were taken to a nearby morgue, where tearful relatives pounded their chests in grief. At least six other people were injured, said Bashir Mohammed of Baghdad's al-Kindi hospital.

Meanwhile, U.S. warplanes carried out airstrikes for the second straight day in the city of Fallujah, a center for Sunni Muslim insurgents who have been battling U.S. forces for more than 18 months. U.S. forces also exchanged gunfire with insurgents on the city's outskirts, and fighting was reported on the highway that runs to neighboring Jordan.

The airstrikes, which witnesses

said began at around 7 p.m. and continued for an hour, hit the city's eastern al-Askari neighborhood as well as the industrial area at the eastern entrance of Fallujah. At least four homes were destroyed.

Smoke could be seen billowing into the air and fire blazed in the sky after the strikes.

Col. Thomas V. Johnson, a Marine spokesman, said U.S. troops based on the edge of Fallujah responded with tanks and artillery after their positions took "sporadic fire." He said one fire in the city had been started by a U.S. strike and was "believed to be related to a hit on a significant weapons cache."



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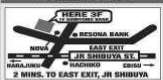
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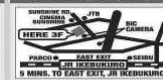
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Traces of explosives found on 2nd plane

Terrorism now main culprit in simultaneous Russian crashes

BY JIM HEINTZ

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Officials said Saturday they had found traces of an explosive on the wreckage of the second of two Russian airliners that crashed just minutes apart earlier this week. That would indicate terrorists caused both aviation tragedies.

Evidence of the explosive hezogen was found on the Tu-134 jetliner that crashed Tuesday in the Tuza region, about 100 miles south of Moscow, said Sergei Ignatchenko, spokesman for the Federal Security Service.

Discovery of the explosive residue on the second jetliner was revealed one day after authorities said residue of the same explosive material was found on the wreckage of a Tu-154 that crashed farther south in Russia, near the town of Kostov.

Officials said the explosive residue showed terrorists brought down that plane.

Both planes crashed Tuesday night after taking off from Moscow's Domodedovo airport, one of Russia's most modern and sophisticated air hubs. The findings of explosives indicated significant weaknesses in security for the air transport network that spans the vast country.

The crashes took place just five days before residents of the war-torn republic of Chechnya were to go to the polls to choose a presi-

dent in an election that the Kremlin portrays as a step toward restoring civil order in the region.

Officials had warned that Chechen separatist rebels could resort to terrorism to try to undermine the Sunday voting. The Kremlin refuses to negotiate with the rebels.

A Web site connected to Islamic militants claimed the crashes were retaliation for Russia's ongoing war in Chechnya, and Russian officials said they were investigating the backgrounds of two female passengers with Chechen surnames — one on each of the planes.

Several suicide bombings in recent years have been blamed on Chechen women who lost husbands or brothers in the war and chaos that have plagued the southern republic for most of the past decade.

On Saturday, the newspaper Izvestia cited a Chechen village leader, Dogman Akhmadov, as saying that the brother of one of the suspect women had disappeared three or four years ago and was believed to have fallen victim to Russian forces who are widely accused of civilian abductions and summary executions in Chechnya.

Both women had booked tickets on the flights at the last minute and were the only victims whose relatives had not been contacted by authorities, officials said. One of the women gave only her surname and first initial in booking the ticket, according to reports.

The Transport Ministry said Sat-



Lika Yakobashvili, right, wife of Moscow businessman Tengiz Yakobashvili, who was killed in one of Tuesday's two plane crashes, cries Friday during her husband's funeral in Moscow. At left is Lika's sister Mzia.

urday that passengers on domestic flights now will be obliged to show full passport details on their tickets, ITAR-Tass reported, citing an unidentified ministry official who said the measure will "make the process of documenting passengers and baggage more transparent and controlled."

Russian citizens have separate passports for internal and foreign travel.

The first official confirmation

that terrorists infiltrated Russia's civil aviation system — a vital industry in this vast nation — otherwise prompted only a muted official response, with Russian authorities avoiding drastic measures such as closing airspace or grounding flights.

President Vladimir Putin made no public comment on the discovery of traces of explosives three days after what one major newspaper called Russia's Sept. 11.

Powell cancels trip to Olympics

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell canceled a weekend visit to attend the closing ceremony of the Olympics, prompting Greek communists who had organized anti-American protests in central Athens to claim victory Saturday.

The cancellation eased fears that Powell's appearance at Sunday night's closing ceremony of the Olympics would have been booed by spectators, marring the festivities.

The U.S. State Department made the announcement hours after police used tear gas in central Athens on Friday night to break up a march by about 1,500 demonstrators protesting Powell's one-day trip.

But by the time news of the cancellation broke, it was too late for the Greek Communist Party to call off its Saturday morning demonstration. Several hundred protesters marched peacefully through the center of the city, waving red flags and banners denouncing Powell and U.S. foreign policy and chanting: "We don't want the killers in Athens."

Greece's foreign ministry said Powell told his Greek counterpart, Petros Molviatis, that "urgent responsibilities" prevented him from carrying out the visit, which was to include meetings with U.S. Olympic athletes and government leaders.

Khatami: Iran won't seek nukes

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran is ready to provide "guarantees" it won't seek nuclear weapons, President Mohammad Khatami said Saturday, urging the United Nations' nuclear watchdog agency to close its investigation into the country's program when it meets next month.

The United States, which says Iran is trying to develop weapons, is officials said the International Atomic Energy Agency to refer Tehran to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions. The IAEA has already sharply criticized Iran for not coming clean about its nuclear program, and European countries increasingly have expressed concern.

But Khatami urged the agency to resist U.S. pressure, saying any concerns over a program Iran insists aims only to produce energy can be cleared up.

"We are ready to do everything necessary to give guarantees that we won't seek nuclear weapons," Khatami said. "As Muslims, we can't use nuclear weapons. One who can't use nuclear weapons won't produce them."

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In North Korea, tightly controlled glimpse of Games

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Millions of people around the globe will have watched Sunday night's closing ceremonies of the Athens Olympic Games, but what about the citizens of the world's most hermetic society, North Korea?

According to North and South Korean media, Kim Jong Il's government gave his country a small taste of the Games through their two-week duration, airing 30-minute snippets each night on the Korean Central Television Station, the state-controlled broadcast system.

But North Koreans didn't see the 100-meter dash finals. Or any of the marquee swimming match-ups. Or even the soccer competition, which enthralled

South Korean fans still buzzing with football fever after the 2002 World Cup.

Instead, North Korean television focused its nightly half-hour broadcasts on "friendly" nations: China, Cuba, Hungary, Romania and Russia, according to North Korea watchers in Seoul. One notable exception was airing a South Korean judo star's gold-medal performance early in the games. It was the first time North Korea had aired an event with a South Korean, officials said.

Curiously, North Korean defectors told South Korean media, more than 70 percent of the North's broadcasts have been of women's events, including beach volleyball and gymnastics.

"If the past is any guide, North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il might have instructed of-

ficials to air such events, noting that his people do not know the world well," a North Korean defector who had worked for Korean Central Television Station told South Korean media.

"It is a big change," the unnamed defector said, noting that the events featured female athletes competing in outfits that would be considered revealing in the North.

According to South Korea's Korean Broadcasting System (KBS), the North's Olympic feeds are provided for free by the South. KBS has television rights and has been feeding programs via satellite to the North Korean television system.

North Korea sent 35 athletes to compete in nine events, according to an official Olympic Games Web site. But, according

to North Korean media, one of the nation's best athletes was not sent.

Kim Jong-Il — the dictator who rules in a cult of personality revolving around himself and his late father — is a "world class" sharpshooter, said the North's Korean Central News Agency. And if he had been competing, it reported, North Korea "would have been sure to win a gold medal."

In South Korea, winning athletes are treated as heroes. Jung Ji-hyun, a 22-year-old wrestler, won a gold medal in the Greco-Roman wrestling competition. As a reward, according to South Korean media outlets, Jung will get 200 million won (about \$173,000) in cash, and perhaps an even better prize: being exempted from mandatory military service.

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Yemeni militants convicted

The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — A court convicted 15 Yemeni militants Saturday on terror charges including the 2002 bombing of a French oil tanker and plotting to kill the U.S. ambassador.

One man was sentenced to death for killing a Yemeni police officer and seven were sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Six of the defendants plus one man tried in absentia, who received the longest prison terms —

10 years — were found guilty of participating in the October 2002 bombing of the Limburg oil tanker, which killed a Bulgarian crew member and spilled 90,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf of Aden.

The conviction of one of those men, Fawaz al-Rabeiee, also included the attack on a helicopter carrying Hunt Oil Co. employees a month later and the detonation of explosives at a civil aviation authority building. Al-Rabeiee also was fined \$100,000 to compensate for the building damage.

The death sentence was handed down to Hazzam Majali, convicted of killing a Yemeni police officer at a checkpoint in 2002.

Six militants were sentenced to five years in prison for detonating explosives at embassies, plotting to assassinate U.S. Ambassador Edmund Hulle and security officials and for roles in the attack on the helicopter carrying employees of Texas-based Hunt Oil.

The defendants have rejected the court's legitimacy and said they would appeal its verdict.

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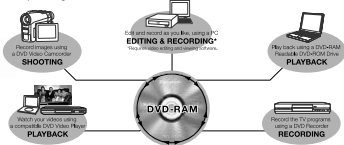
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Greenspan sounds alert over Social Security

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — For at least the fourth time this year, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has touched the electrified third rail of American politics — Social Security.



Greenspan

He did it here in the shadows of the Grand Teton Mountains as Friday's leadoff speaker at a two-day conference about challenges that the global economy faces because of rapidly aging populations.

As he did first in February, during testimony before Congress, and several times since, Greenspan issued his warning that the White House and Congress need to come up quickly with a plan to trim the Social Security and Medicare benefits that 77 million baby boomers are scheduled to receive when they retire.

2 arrested in N.Y. subway bomb plot

Authorities nab men on weekend before Republican convention

BY TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A U.S. citizen and a Pakistani national were arrested in an alleged plot to bomb a subway station in midtown Manhattan, and possibly other locations around the city, police said Saturday.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said the men were not believed to be connected to al-Qaida or any other international terrorist organization, although he said they expressed hatred for America.

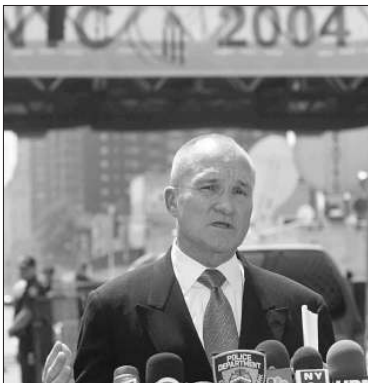
The men had been under police surveillance and had discussed placing explosives at the Herald Square subway station and stations at 42nd and 59th streets, Kelly said. The men never obtained explosives, he said.

Though there was no clear tie to this week's Republican National Convention, authorities moved to arrest the two men before it began, two law-enforcement sources said.

"It was clear that they had the intention to cause damage, to kill people," Kelly said. "They did not immediately have the means to do it."

He identified the men as Shahwar Matin Siraj, 21, a Pakistani living in Queens, and James El Shafay, 19, a U.S. citizen living on Staten Island.

Kelly said the men visited the Herald



Square 34th Street station — one block from Madison Square Garden, the site of the convention — on Aug. 21.

The men were being charged with conspiracy to blow up the station, which is central to a large commercial district, including Macy's flagship department store. They were to be arraigned Saturday in federal court.

The men also scouted three police stations on Staten Island and a jail there, Kelly said. They drew maps of those sites and a map of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, which connects Brooklyn to Staten Island, he said.

"Their motive was generally hatred for America," Kelly said.

He said one of the men had also made anti-Semitic statements.

New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly announces at a news conference Saturday outside Madison Square Garden in New York the arrests of alleged subway bomb plotters. Kelly said the men, a U.S. citizen and a Pakistani national, were not believed to be connected to al-Qaida or any other international terrorist organization.

Ex-lawmaker says he's 'ashamed' he got Bush into National Guard

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Former Texas House Speaker Ben Barnes said he is "more ashamed at myself than I've ever been" because he helped President Bush send the sons of other wealthy families get into the Texas National Guard so they could avoid serving in Vietnam.

"I got a young man named George W. Bush into the National Guard ... and I'm not necessarily proud of that, but I did it," Barnes, a Democrat, said in a video clip recorded May 27 before a group of John Kerry supporters in Austin.

Barnes, who was House speaker

when Bush entered the Guard, later became lieutenant governor.

The video was posted June 25 on www.austintxkerry.org, but the Web site didn't get much attention until Friday, when Jim Moore, an Austin-based author of books critical of Bush, sent out e-mails calling attention to it just days before the GOP National Convention starts in New York.

Bush joined the National Guard in 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War, and served until 1973. He has said he received no special treatment.

Barnes said he became ashamed after walking through

the Vietnam Memorial and looking at the names of the dead.

"I became more ashamed of myself than I've ever been, because it was the worst thing I did — help a lot of wealthy supporters and a lot of people who had family names of importance get in the National Guard," he said. "I'm very sorry of that, and I'm very ashamed of it, and I apologize to the voters of Texas for that."

Barnes said Saturday that the video "just speaks for itself."

He declined to answer specific questions about what role he had in helping Bush, but he said he may have more to say next week.

Both Bush and his father, the former president, have said they did not ask for help in finding the Guard opening.

"It is no surprise that a partisan Democrat is making these statements," Bush spokeswoman Claire Buchanan told the Houston Chronicle. "This was addressed five years ago, and there's nothing new."

Five years ago, Barnes found himself at the center of questions about Bush's Vietnam-era service when the then-Texas governor emerged as the Republican presi-

dential front-runner.

At that time, Barnes' lawyer issued a statement saying Barnes had been contacted by the now-deceased Sidney Adger, a Houston oilman and friend of Bush's father, who was then a congressman.

Adger asked Barnes to recommend Bush for a pilot position with the Air National Guard and he did, that statement said.

"Neither Congressman Bush nor any other member of the Bush family asked Barnes' help," according to the 1999 statement.

Bush: Intelligence reforms will aid war on terror

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday his newly enacted changes in the nation's intelligence community will "improve America's ability to find, track and stop dangerous terrorists," while Democratic critics said the election-season moves fall short of what is needed.

The president said the four executive orders he signed Friday — giving the CIA director additional power over the intelligence community until a new post of national intelligence director is created, establish a national counterterrorism center and promote intelligence-sharing across the government — "reflect specific recommendations" of a commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

"All of them are essential to America's security as we wage the war on terror," Bush, speaking in his weekly radio address, said of the orders.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said the executive orders are the latest example of Bush only "dragging and kicking" on important national security matters. "Now they say they're willing to embrace a director of national intelligence, but they're not really willing to embrace it, because they won't give him budget authority," he said.

After the release earlier in the summer of the 9/11 commission's report, political pressure grew for Congress and the president to get behind the recommendations the panel made to reform the government in response to the attacks.

The White House says that the intelligence director should have oversight over spending and hiring and firing, but has yet to endorse full budget authority for the proposed position.

It is up to Congress whether to change the law to create the new position, and lawmakers are working to draft legislation that would do that as part of a broader overhaul of U.S. intelligence.

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GOP planners urge look to future at convention

By RON FOURNIER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nervous Republicans are urging President Bush to unveil a robust second-term agenda at his convention next week to shift voters' focus from the unpopular war in Iraq and other issues that are a distraction to his re-election drive. Some contend the party should ditch the GOP-fueled controversy over rival John Kerry's combat record in Vietnam.

"If he gets on the future and effectively talks about the challenges that are ahead that only he can meet, then he'll be fine," said Joe Gayford, a Republican strategist from Washington.

"But if this campaign continues to be about Vietnam and the past, I don't think he's going to do so fine. I think it's a little dicey."

As they packed their bags for the trip to New York, several convention delegates and GOP operatives said they had hoped Bush would be comfortably ahead of the Democratic challenger by now.

They still like Bush's chances against Kerry, the party faithful said, but only if Bush takes full advantage of the convention spotlight. They offered a wide range of advice, including:

■ Condemn Kerry's 19-year record in the Senate, and perhaps even his stint as lieutenant governor and prosecutor in Massachusetts.

■ Remind voters of Bush's performance after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, which produced the highest approval ratings of his presidency.

■ Defend his first-term record, but not so much that it overshadows his vision for a second term.

The good news for the White House is the convention script hits each of those marks. The bad news is that the advice reflects a concern among Republicans that Bush is more vulnerable than they would like — certainly more exposed to a Nov. 2 defeat than they

ever thought possible before the Iraq war.

"There has been a lot of noise out there, with Iraq and even this Vietnam stuff," said Terry Grossenheider, a delegate from Madison, Wis. "He hasn't been able to talk about his accomplishments or, more importantly, his solutions to the problems people are facing."

Sig Rogich, a Republican strategist in Nevada, said Bush has to take the fight to Kerry.

"I don't think the campaign has done the best job of defining John Kerry yet," Rogich said. "I think the best is yet to come."

Many voters have soured on the war in Iraq, and their discontent has hurt Bush's approval ratings. With the death toll of U.S. troops nearing 1,000, several of the Republicans

said Bush's political team doesn't realize how angry and anxious Americans are over Iraq. Each death dominates local news, often in a battleground state.

Bush acknowledged Thursday in an interview that he miscalculated the postwar scenario in Iraq. And the president comes to his convention with some wind at his back. Polls show he is tied or slightly ahead of Kerry, who focused his nominating convention on his valiant Vietnam War record. The tactic helped Kerry narrow Bush's advantage on who would best protect the nation, but polls show those gains have eroded amid unproven allegations, leveled by a Republican-led veterans group, that the Democrat exaggerated his combat record.

Several Republicans said they'd rather see the issue go away.

"My hope is that, come Monday, the Vietnam thing will be submerged and voters will be focusing on the president and his agenda," said Charlie Black, a Republican strategist in Washington.



Bush



Patrol crafts from the Coast Guard, one of the varied government entities providing security for the Republican Convention in New York this week, maneuver in a demonstration in the Hudson River on Thursday.

Diverse agencies pitch in to secure New York

By TOM HAYS
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Worried about security at the Republican National Convention? Rest easy: the Environmental Protection Agency is on the job. So are the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Postal Service. The Coast Guard, too.

While the Secret Service and New York Police Department have the most visible roles in convention security, other agencies not normally associated with securing political events have devoted personnel, equipment and expertise to preventing a repeat of the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City.

"This is the most we've been involved in a political convention," said EPA spokeswoman Mary Mears. "But we live in a different world than we did four years ago."

The EPA and dozens of other federal, state and local agencies were drafted by the Secret Service to play largely behind-the-scenes roles in a security plan that is considered unprecedented in its size and scope.

Among the security team's less obvious players is the National Air

command, or NORAD, which will secure air space over the convention with patrols by Air Force fighter pilots. In New York Harbor, the Coast Guard plans to test a new underwater 3-D sonar system to scan pier walls and ship bottoms for mines and other explosives.

The Postal Service will use its police force to protect the media center at the post office opposite Madison Square Garden. Officers from Amtrak and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will check for suspicious packages on commuter trains entering Penn Station beneath the arena.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has assigned bomb-sniffing dogs to the convention. It also will deploy one of its four national response teams, comprised of explosive experts.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which usually does out aid during natural disasters, says it will "pre-prepare" its emergency personnel to Manhattan on standby.

The EPA would respond to any environmental and health threats with mobile laboratories staffed with physicists and other experts who can quickly measure levels of radiation and airborne chemicals.

Democrats set for counteroffensive

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Democrats have come to town to prick rhetorical balloons at the Republican National Convention.

The party set up its counter-convention headquarters a half dozen blocks from Madison Square Garden on Friday and wasted no time registering its dissent from the GOP's proceedings.

Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe criticized President Bush on every front — rising health care costs, a rush to war, 1.8 million private sector job losses,

and more — in introducing his team's slogan for the GOP convention, "Mission Not Accomplished." A bold new billboard at Times Square carried the same message.

"I like to use a sledgehammer when a scalpel will do," McAuliffe said cheerfully.

About 50 Democratic staff members plus volunteers will man the center during the convention, trying to make sure that no assertion or hurrah by Republicans will go unanswered. Republicans ran a similar operation outside the Democratic convention in Boston.

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At 40, Fox finding her place in show biz

BY JANICE RHOSHALL
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The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's not every day you'll hear a Hollywood actress bragging about turning 40 the way Vivica A. Fox is doing.

Of course she can boast about aging because she doesn't show it, not even on this day, when she had taken a red-eye flight from Toronto and spent much of the morning promoting her new Lifetime series "Missing."



Fox

to going shopping for frilly, pretty things — like the strapless, pink

A-line and matching feathery flip flops she's wearing.

"Guir, I'm excited about 40. I ain't wet behind the ears no more!" she says, laughing. "I'm a woman and I'm cool with me, and if everybody don't like me, that's OK because I ain't goin' to like everybody anyway, and I'm cool with that, too."

Yet it appears television audiences like Fox just fine in the newly retooled "Missing," which premiered last season as "1-800-MISSING" with Caterina Scorsone and Gloria Ruben, who

has left the show.

Since last month's season debut, "Missing" has climbed to No. 1 in its time period (10 p.m. Saturdays in the States) with women ages 18 to 49, according to Lifetime, which just ordered five additional episodes of the series.

After a string of ill-fated shows, Fox now has a chance for a more lucrative series run playing FBI special agent Nicole Scott, a frank, off-the-cuff investigator partnered with straight-arrow agent and psychic Jess Mastriani

(Scorsone). "Missing" is like

"doing a mini-movie every week," Fox says. "I'm doing drama, with a little bit of humor added, and I'm very happy. I like being here."

"Vivica's that great combination: She looks amazing, she's smart; women love her, men love her," series creator Debra Martin Chase said. "We were able to take advantage of that and create a character that is vulnerable, who is gentle but tough and is not afraid to kick some butt; who breaks the rules but who has her own code of honor."

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BEIJING 4DAYS (Staying at Deluxe Hotel)
Departure: 11 Nov. **\$709** (last date to sign up on 05 OCT)
Departure: 25 Nov. **\$652** (last date to sign up on 20 OCT)

Minimum Passenger: 10passenger for each departure day

- 1 day sightseeing included
- Double double occupancy
- Chinese visa fee is included

FROM MISAWA

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

USA 1 CITY \$799~ LAST DATE TO SIGN UP FOR DEPARTURE 10/8-10/29 MON-FRI

PAYMENT MADE EASY! (PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE IN US\$ CASH ON MISAWA BASE!)

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL — From MISAWA

USA 1 CITY	\$825~	9/24-9/30 MON-FRI
LOS ANGELES	\$710~	9/24-9/30
BANGKOK	\$775~	9/1-9/30
MANILA	\$705~	9/1-9/30
HONG KONG	\$645~	9/1-9/30
HONOLULU	\$660~	9/22-29

SEOUL From AMOMBI \$435~ 9/8, 15, 22, 29

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL — From MISAWA

LOS ANGELES	\$705~	10/1-10/31
BANGKOK	\$730~	10/8-10/31
MANILA	\$705~	10/8-10/31
HONG KONG	\$620~	10/8-10/31
SINGAPORE	\$595~	10/8-10/31
HONOLULU	\$695~	10/8, 15, 22, 29

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL — From MISAWA

JAPAN PACKAGE
INCLUDES AIR & HOTEL (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

TOKYO 2DAYS \$328~
OSAKA/KYOTO 3DAYS \$390~
OKINAWA 3DAYS \$473~

INTERNATIONAL PACKAGE
INCLUDES AIR & HOTEL (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) TRANSPORTATION (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) TAXES NOT INCLUDED

Military Special

GUAM 7DAYS \$877~
BANGKOK 4DAYS \$895~
HONG KONG 4DAYS \$808~
SINGAPORE 4DAYS \$825~

FROM FUKUOKA

FLYING TO MANILA SPECIAL

GOOD FOR 14 DAYS \$348~ 9/1-9/17
GOOD FOR 14 DAYS \$588~ 9/1-9/19
GOOD FOR 2 MONTH \$438~ 9/1-9/17

EARLY BIRD OCTOBER SPECIAL (ASK CONDITIONS)

MANILA	\$368~	10/1-10/9
BANGKOK	\$408~	10/1-10/9

USA(1CITY)	\$878~	9/1-9/17
NEW YORK	\$648~	9/1-9/30
LOS ANGELES	\$538~	9/1-9/30
HONOLULU	\$518~	9/1-9/30

Package Tour

GUAM FREE PLAN 4DAYS \$578~	ASK DATES
HONOLULU FREE PLAN 5DAYS \$648~	ASK DATES
OKINAWA AIR+HOTEL 3DAYS \$328~	ASK DATES

*YOUR DOMESTIC RESERVATION MUST BE DONE BY 7 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. *PRICES DEPEND ON HOTELS AND FLIGHTS. PLEASE ASK DETAILS LINE HOTELS.

FROM HIROSHIMA

SEOUL	\$218~	9/8-9/10 (THE BANGKOK 10/1)
MANILA	\$508~	10/8-10/10 (THE BANGKOK 10/1)
BANGKOK	\$568~	10/8-10/10 (THE BANGKOK 10/1)
HAWAII	\$478~	9/27-9/30

MAJOR CITY IN USA \$438~ 9/1-9/10

Package Tour

OKINAWA 2DAYS \$298~
(IN ECONOMY-HOTEL) 9/8-17, 21-30 (SUN-FRI)

*FOR DOMESTIC RESERVATION MUST BE DONE BY 7 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. *PRICES DEPEND ON HOTELS AND FLIGHTS. PLEASE ASK DETAILS LINE HOTELS.

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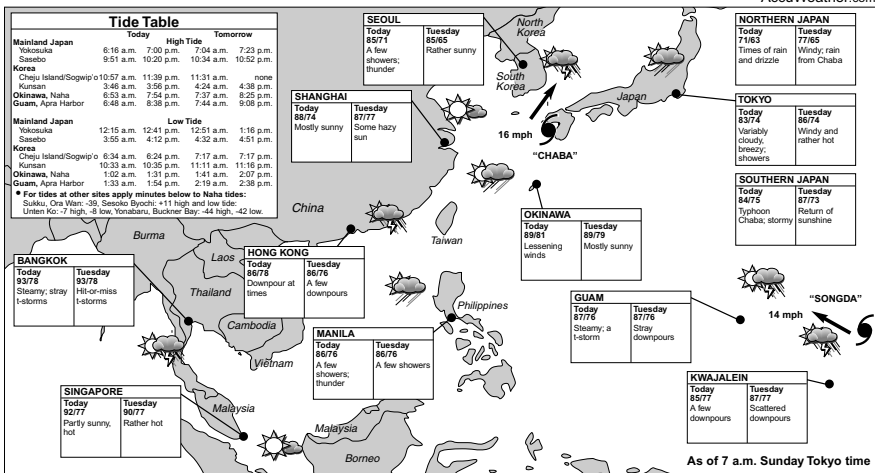
J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P HSPNews	Pacific Report	60 Minutes II (CC)		Cold Case "Volunteers" Remains of missing man and woman who had disappeared in 1969 are unearthed. (CC)		24 Day 3: 6:00PM - 7:00PM President Palmer must make a life-threatening decision regarding Jack. (CC)		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-AL 8:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Recess (E) (CC)	Digimon: Digital Monsters (CC)	DragonflyTV "Hum-Body" (CC)	Kim Possible "Crash" (CC)
8	NEWS Fox Magazine		Access Hollywood (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	The Early Show (CC)		
9	SPTS 4:40/30 Little League World Series Championship - Teams TBA		4SportsCenter		Motorcycle Racing AMA		Motorcycle Racing AMA		4SportsCenter			
10	SPTS Average Joe: Adam Returns	Runner-up Adam Mearns gets a second chance at love. (CC)			Monster Garage "Escalade Tailgate" Ultimate tailgating vehicle. (CC)		Scientific American Frontiers "Coming Into America" Theorist about the first Americans were. (CC) (DVS)		*** "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing. Disparate summer lovers meet again as high-school seniors. (CC)			
11	TMTC 15 *** "Serving Sara" (2002, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Elizabeth Hurley, Bruce Campbell. A prosecutor serves a woman turn the tables on her boss. PG-13 (CC)				*** "Bowling for Columbine" (2002, Documentary) Filmmaker Michael Moore examines gun violence in America. R (CC)		*** "Hardcore" (1999) R (CC)					
12	PBS Clifford the Big Red Dog Equip-ment (CC)	Dragon Tales "Cassia's jealous of her brother (E) (CC)	The Newshour With Jim Lehrer (I) (CC)		Antiques Roadshow "A Chinese imperial robe, memorabilia from the pink-necked band The Ramones. (CC)		History Detectives Black ventriloquist dummy, whose mystery may have been solved to accused witch. (CC)		The Mystery of Chaco Canyon (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
13	SHOW 6:45 *** "The Daytrippers" (1996, Comedy) Hope Davis, (25) *** "Extreme Ops" (2002, Action) Devon Sawa, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras, Rupert Hedges. Athletes run amok of a Serbian warlord in the mountains. PG-13 (CC)		And her relatives search for a missing man. (CC)		Family Films II Growing Up Gotti Florida vacation trip. (N) (CC)		Family Films II Growing Up Gotti Florida vacation trip. (N) (CC)		Airline Soldier's emotional homecoming. (CC)	Crossing Jordan "Conspiracy" Jordan investigates an alleged government conspiracy. (CC)		(35) Tracking The Lion In Winter (CC)
14	A&E City Confidential Model Linda Soback is murdered by a killer who lurked behind her glamorous past. (CC)		And her relatives search for a missing man. (CC)		Family Films II Growing Up Gotti Florida vacation trip. (N) (CC)		Family Films II Growing Up Gotti Florida vacation trip. (N) (CC)		Airline Soldier's emotional homecoming. (CC)	Crossing Jordan "Conspiracy" Jordan investigates an alleged government conspiracy. (CC)		(35) Tracking The Lion In Winter (CC)
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16	DISC (15) Tanging Ni		Midnight Run of Ariel and M (CC)		(45) The Correspondents		Good Morning Kris		(15) Kumiting Kabay (CC)	(40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan		(10) Sarah...Teen Princess
17	CNN-1 Larry King Weekend (CC)		CNN World News		World Sport		Business International		Asia Tonight	World Sport	CNN World News	World Sport
18	GOLF European PGA Golf International Open - Final Round. From Munich, Germany.						World Sport		World Sport	CNN World News	World Sport	World Sport
19	TLC Clean Sweep "Storming the Palace" (News) News crew helps organize their bedroom and home tour. (CC)		In a Fix "Elements of Creativity" Uncut lists in kitchen. (CC)		Justice League		Powerpuff Girls		Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Scoby-Doo! Last Star Left-A-Lympics (CC)	Am Weasel
20	TOON Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog		Justice League		Powerpuff Girls		Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Scoby-Doo! Last Star Left-A-Lympics (CC)	Am Weasel
21	ANPL The Crocodile Hunter "Big Croc Dinosaurs Special Edition" Close calls. (CC)		The Planet's Funniest Animals		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Planet Wild		One World, One Day: The Weather	National Geographic "Sea Monsters: Search for the Giant Squid" (CC)	Built for the Kill "Macro Gladiators" World's smallest creatures. (CC)	
22	COM Late Night Darrell Hammond; Blanchard Ryan; They Might Be Giants. (CC)		The Daily Show with Karyn Keeler. (CC)		Planet Wild		Planet Wild		One World, One Day: The Weather	National Geographic "Sea Monsters: Search for the Giant Squid" (CC)	Built for the Kill "Macro Gladiators" World's smallest creatures. (CC)	
23	NGC-A Mission Under the Ground Up Lizard		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	
24	SPICE Real TV		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	
25	FOX Fame "White Light" Chris Dutton leads a tour of the house with Julie Chandler. (CC)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)	
26	BET 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Set		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)		Blind Date Will gallop and come to the rescue with Jack. (CC) (DVS)	
27	COURT MYPD Blue "Bad Rap" Spinovet clashes with a rap artist who refuses to cooperate with police. (CC)		Cops A today's kidnapping. (CC)		Cops A today's kidnapping. (CC)		Cops A today's kidnapping. (CC)		Cops A today's kidnapping. (CC)		Cops A today's kidnapping. (CC)	
28	STR-WD The Simpsons		The Drew Carey Show (CC)		Star News Focus		Just Shoot Me (CC)		7th News Show		7th News Show	
29	LIFE The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls	
30	ABC-FM Full House Michelle		Full House Michelle		Full House Michelle		Full House Michelle		Full House Michelle		Full House Michelle	
31	HIST 4:45 "Women vs. Men" (2002, Comedy) Joe Mantegna, Christine Lahti, Paul Reiser. Wives are angered by their husbands' wild side. (CC)		Modern Marriages "Parasitism" Influence of parasites. (CC)		Modern Marriages "Parasitism" Influence of parasites. (CC)		Modern Marriages "Parasitism" Influence of parasites. (CC)		Modern Marriages "Parasitism" Influence of parasites. (CC)		Modern Marriages "Parasitism" Influence of parasites. (CC)	
32	STR-WD 15:30 Yensley Expedition		Ice in Iceland		Chasing Time		Chasing Time		Chasing Time		Chasing Time	
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34	MTV 6:10 History of FIFA (2)		6:30 History of FIFA (4)		7:00 2003 X-Games		7:00 2003 X-Games		7:00 2003 X-Games		7:00 2003 X-Games	
35	NICK Juicy "The Wild Thornberries"		Juicy "The Wild Thornberries"		Juicy "The Wild Thornberries"		Juicy "The Wild Thornberries"		Juicy "The Wild Thornberries"		Juicy "The Wild Thornberries"	

JAPAN TV	7:30 Football Mundial 8:00 Top News From Around the World 9:00 Top News from Around the World 10:00 MLB: Kansas City Royals vs. Seattle Mariners (5)	4:40 Asian News 5:00 Top News from Around the World	Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers 11:20 TV Drama: The Red Phone: Mission No. 1	6:00 Wake Up 7:00 Guest Friday 8:00 Top Choice 9:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice
Afternoon 1:30 U.S. Movie (1974): Breakout (2:00/12) 5:50 News (6)	Evening 7:00 News (1) 7:30 Olympics Highlights (1) 8:00 Olympics Highlights (4) 8:30 News (1) 9:00 Nikita (42) 9:30 U.S. Movie (1998): Ant (1:39/4) 2:45 Classical Music (1hr)	JAPAN TV-B511 Morning 6:00 Classical Music: Ronald Brautigan (piano) Evening 7:00 U.S. News 8:00 British Movie (1996): Loch Ness (1:45) 9:00 TV Series: ER 14 12:50 Iranian Movie (1995): The White Balloon (1:30)	Afternoon 1:00 Hong Kong Movie (2002): So Close (1:54) 1:00 U.S.-British Movie (2002): Possession 3:00 Oswald No. 2 (r) Evening 6:00 Spanish Soccer: La Española 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): The Time Machine (1:40) 9:40 U.S. Movie (2001): American Outlaws (1:40) 11:10 TV Series: Sex and the City – Top 5 Episodes of Your Choice 12:00 Spanish Soccer: La Española 4:10 U.S. Movie (1986): Jerry Maguire (2:30)	Afternoon 1:30 Rock (1) 1:00 Classic 2:30 Top Choice 3:00 Top Choice 3:30 Top Choice 4:00 Top Choice 4:30 Top Choice 5:00 Top Choice 6:00 M Size 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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 85, low 74.
 Thursday: Partly sunny, high 81, low 70.

KADENA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 79.
 Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 79.

SEOUL

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 81, low 65.
 Thursday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 68.

MANILA

Wednesday: Showers, high 86, low 76.
 Thursday: Showers, high 84, low 74.

HAGATNA

Wednesday: Showers, high 85, low 76.
 Thursday: Showers, high 86, low 77.

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	87/60	Los Angeles	84/64
Amarillo	79/57	Little Rock	92/71
Anchorage	62/48	Louisville	91/72
Ashville	65/64	Miami	93/77
Baltimore	91/70	Milwaukee	65/53
Birmingham	93/72	Nashville	88/72
Bismarck	76/54	New York	88/74
Boise	83/56	Omaha	77/65
Boston	90/77	Orlando	92/75
Brownsville	97/77	Philadelphia	91/72
Buffalo	78/66	Phoenix	107/82
Burlington	85/65	Pittsburgh	84/69
Charleston, SC	86/74	Portland, OR	78/60
Charlotte	91/68	Portland, ME	89/66
Cleveland	81/68	Salt Lake City	79/54
Columbus, OH	90/70	Salt Lake City	83/61
Duluth	60/44	San Antonio	94/73
El Paso	94/68	San Diego	74/65
Hartford	80/69	San Juan	89/76
Helena	71/50	Tampa	91/76
Indianapolis	84/65	Tulsa	85/63
Jacksonville	89/72	Washington	91/73
Kansas City	79/57	Wichita	82/59

Monday, August 30



U.S. Extended Forecast

Another soggy day is in store for much of the East on Monday as the cold front that affected the region throughout the weekend slowly moves into the Atlantic. In addition, the remnants of Tropical System Gaston will enhance rainfall along the Carolina coast. Behind the front, high pressure will provide pleasant and less humid weather to the Midwest and Deep South through the period. While the Pacific Northwest will start warm and dry, a storm system will gather steam over British Columbia, ushering in cooler air with a cold front on Tuesday and Wednesday. Showers and even a few heavy thunderstorms are likely along the front. Partly to mostly sunny and mainly dry weather will be the rule throughout the Plains.

Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	93/78	Iskani	83/74
Beijing	86/68	Kadena AB	89/81
Camp Casey	85/69	Kunsan AB	85/71
Christchurch	49/35	Kwajalein	85/77
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	86/76
Hagatna	87/76	Misawa AB	76/67
Hanoi	88/78	Osan	85/69
Hong Kong	86/78	Perth	57/41
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	79/72

Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Budapest	83/58	Kabul	90/55	Nairobi	70/50
Buenos Aires	71/54	Kiev	77/59	New Delhi	98/83
Cairo	94/65	Kuwait	116/83	Oslo	58/45
Cancun	90/75	London	64/50	Paris	62/44
Cape Town	90/75	Madrid	89/65	Rio de Janeiro	74/64
Geneva	64/49	Mexico City	71/51	Rome	80/60
Istanbul	75/62	Montreal	75/60	St. Petersburg	70/53
Jerusalem	88/63	Mogadishu	85/71	Stockholm	64/49
Johannesburg	71/49	Moscow	75/59	Warsaw	75/53



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Bush's behavior on 9/11

The writer of the Aug. 20 letter "What he would have done" ignores facts and uses sarcasm to avoid the real issues of President Bush's behavior on 9/11.

He implies that only Superman could have done a better job. What are the facts? Bush was notified between 8:46 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. that the first plane had struck the World Trade Center. He entered the classroom at 9 a.m., posed for photos and began reading with the children. At 9:06 he was told about the second plane.

Bush himself—atending an announced event in a school full of children—may have been a target. What did he do? He spent another 10 minutes reading to the kids.

From 9:16 until 9:29, still at the school, he met with staff and made phone calls. He then gave a speech and departed at 9:34. Not until 9:56, after Air Force One was airborne and apparently not until after he learned of the Pentagon attack, did he finally give a shoot-down order.

So Our president, knowing the country was under attack, did not issue the order necessary to defend us until 50 minutes later. Research question for the letter writer: What is the flight time of an intercontinental ballistic missile from North Korea to Los Angeles?

Sen. John Kerry gave exactly the right answer when asked how he would have dealt with the situation: Politely excuse himself and go to what a president is supposed to do.

So what say you all, do we have enough facts here to conclude that President Bush miserably failed in his responsibilities as leader of our country and commander in chief? I think so.

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We're all American soldiers

To the writer of the Aug. 19 letter "National Guard training" who submitted his "2 cents worth." I think that it is ironic and humorous that you claim National Guard soldiers lack responsibility, discipline and respect." You disrespected every National Guard soldier, including yourself, with that stereotypical statement.

You also claim that the Guard is looked down on by active duty, but you are wrong. I saw my active-duty drill sergeant from basic last month in Iraq. He asked me if I was National Guard. Foolishly, I lowered my head and mumbled yes. He told me to get my chin up and said: "You're here now, aren't you? You're doing the same thing I am, right?"

He was right. Bottom line, we are all on the same team. We are all American soldiers making selfless sacrifices.

Furthermore, I am greatly offended that you made young college students the target of your tantrum. I am a 21-year-old who did enlist for college, but I can't imagine a better way to earn my

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education than by serving my country. I am proud to be here.

In April I saw three of my young college student friends get shot during an ambush. One friend got the ambush two hours returned to us. I was proud to say that they "left the comfort of home where everything is done for them." In truth, they fought with the doctors to allow them to come back and join us in the front lines. These are brave soldiers that the National Guard and active-duty components should be proud of.

Pfc. Brandy A. Cottrill
Camp Navistar, Kuwait

Don't defend AAFES censorship

In explaining why Army and Air Force Exchange Service theaters will not be showing "Fahrenheit 9/11," Aug. 18), AAFES spokesman Judd Anstey gave a disingenuous excuse for censorship. He cited a business decision and claimed it had nothing to do with the film's contentious political nature. Anstey compared the draw of "Bend It Like Beckham" (which grossed \$161,528 first week) with "Fahrenheit 9/11" (grossed \$24,078,959 first week), as if there were any parallel or relationship between the two films. You do the math.

Readers deserve more respect from an organization that serves those on the front lines defending our basic freedoms, which include freedom of speech and free exchange of ideas. AAFES did nothing to gain the trust of those serving our country and perhaps should have remained silent instead of proffering a thinly veiled rationalization for censorship.

Our soldiers and civilians serving overseas deserve a fair and balanced coverage of the entire political spectrum. Putting the same facts may argue that "Fahrenheit

9/11" is bad for morale or may somehow encourage our enemies. I submit that by restricting the public's access to information, AAFES commits an egregious act of censorship and abridges one of our most prized freedoms.

Daren R. Morales
Heidelberg, Germany

Women also know the risks

The writer of the Aug. 6 letter "Sending women to war wrong" is mistaken in his belief that only America has sent women to war. I know that women from Australia's Royal Air Force as well as women from the Republic of Georgia have been here in Iraq. I know that Israeli women serve and fight in their military.

When he stated that "America's women are intelligent, brave, loyal, hard-working and patriotic" he contradicted his previous statement. "We" women are encouraged to enlist... they have no idea what they are really getting into. I believe women are intelligent and I do not believe that any woman has enlisted without knowing there is a chance that she may have to go into combat. It is known that women have served in combat prior to this war.

If someone enlisted just for college benefits, schooling or an extra paycheck, it is a woman or a man, without knowing that there is a chance that he or she may have to go to war; they enlisted for the wrong reason. The Army is just that, an army. Women have fought for equal rights and have the right to enlist and fight alongside their fellow country person, be it a woman or a man. If a woman wants to be a pilot, serve in the infantry, in an armor division, a field medic or in the military police it is her decision, it is her right. It is tragic when anyone dies due to violence, woman or man, but they chose to serve in the military. God bless them.

W.S. Bradner
Iraque

Female servicemembers shine

I was outraged when I read the Aug. 6 letter "Sending women to war wrong." The writer suggested that our nation send its female servicemembers to war because we don't have enough men to do the job, and that women who join the armed forces "have no idea what they are really getting into."

I beg to differ. Our female soldiers are strong, highly trained and patriotic Americans with more than ample intelligence to understand that they may be asked to place their lives in danger. To suggest otherwise is insulting and ungrateful. I am sure that women in forward-deployed locations would rather that the writer simply thank them for their selfless service.

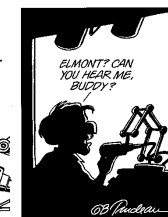
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



FOR MORE ON THE STORY, LET'S GO TO OUR SPECIAL FLOOR CORRESPONDENT, HOMERLESS PERSONALITY ELMONT DOB!



Camera watching

VA NORFOLK — A woman faces felony child-abuse charges after she was caught on camera at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters smothering her toddler until he lost consciousness, according to a police report.

Kendra Patrice Kirton, 27, was being held in Norfolk City two counts of felony child abuse. The second charge involved allegations of a similar incident on Aug. 19, police said.

Kirton's address was listed on documents as Virginia Beach, but a police spokesman said she may have been visiting from Florida.

The child, who police said was 18 months old, was turned over to Child Protective Services workers in Virginia Beach, according to police spokesman Chris Amos. He said the child was "in good health."

Kirton was charged after an incident at the hospital Monday, court records show.

A hospital spokeswoman declined comment on the case.

Kirton appeared in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on Wednesday and was denied bond. She is due back in court Oct. 12, court records said.

Commuter confusion

DC WASHINGTON — Metro officials plan to install 950 large and detailed bus maps throughout the city and Virginia and Maryland suburbs. They'll show routes, schedule information, a sub-regional bus system map and a bus service directory. Officials hope the maps will encourage ridership. Commuters have drawn similar maps placed in downtown shelters.

Not-so-pure water

TX HOUSTON — Repeated tests show that water from Houston's new \$97 million water purification plant only sometimes meets the required standards for purity.

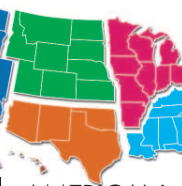
At other times, the process used to purify the water at the plant which began operating from Lake Houston in late June leaves it too dirty or with unacceptably high chemical levels.

"You can't drink it," David Berg, a local lawyer who chairs the Houston Area Water Corp. board that oversees the plant, told the Houston Chronicle for its Thursday edition. "I don't think in the long run this is going to be a problem, but right now we have a serious problem."

Forgot about his Glock

KY LOUISVILLE — A congressman who brought a loaded gun into Louisville International Airport received a 60-day jail sentence, but will not have to serve it unless he has other criminal troubles during the next two years.

Under terms of his plea agreement, Rep. John Hostettler, a Republican of Indiana, also has surrendered his Glock 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, which screeners found April 20 as he was heading for a US Airways flight to Washington.



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At the time, Hostettler, who had a permit for the gun, said he had forgotten he had placed the gun in the briefcase.

Hostettler, who represents the 8th District in southwestern Indiana, did not attend Monday's sentencing hearing in Jefferson District Court in Louisville. He had reached the plea agreement earlier this month.

Under terms of his plea agreement, Hostettler, 43, also cannot carry a gun in Kentucky or buy a gun anywhere except in Indiana and the District of Columbia for the next two years.

Learned their lesson?

GA ATLANTA — A Georgia State University fraternity that had members in blackface at a party and a black student group that responded with a flyer that alluded to lynching will both be allowed back on campus after the groups agreed to apologize.

University officials said Tuesday that the two groups have reached an agreement that ends their suspensions from campus.

The agreement, announced by vice president for student services Hazel Scott, calls on Pi Kappa Alpha and the Black Student Alliance to apologize jointly to the school community and submit letters of apology to the student newspaper.

Pi Kappa Alpha also must implement a diversity and sensitivity training program and not permit any of its members to paint their faces black again.

The racial dispute began after

two fraternity members showed up in blackface at an off-campus hip-hop theme party in January. The alliance retaliated with a flyer using the fraternity's name on a picture depicting a Ku Klux Klan man and a man in blackface with a noose around his neck.

Risky businesses

NH CONCORD — State officials say New Hampshire's smallest businesses are being hit the hardest by a new law that allows health insurers to set rates based on such risk factors as age and health. Officials say businesses that employ fewer than 10 employees are experiencing extreme volatility in their rates. The law allows insurers to consider a company's location, type of business and health of its workers in setting premium rates for businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

Legacy of scholarship

IN WEST LAFAYETTE — A 22-year-old Purdue University student who plans to study in Germany has won a \$500 scholarship named after a Purdue graduate who died in March when a water taxi overturned in Baltimore Harbor.

Jonathan Osborn received the first Andrew Rocella Memorial Scholarship award during a reception Wednesday in West Lafayette. He will spend the 2004-05 academic year at the University of Freiburg in Germany.

Rocella, 26, died March 6 along with his girlfriend, fellow Purdue graduate Corinne J. Schilling, 26, of Alexandria, Va., and three other people when a water taxi they were riding in overturned in a sudden thunderstorm in Baltimore Harbor.

Edward and Eileen Rocella said they created the scholarship as a way to support Purdue's overseas programs and students wishing to study abroad. They said their son returned from a study abroad trip to Italy more appreciative of the world around him.

Sentence in baby's death

HI HONOLULU — A woman who pleaded no contest in connection with the death of her newborn baby by smoking crystal methamphetamine was sentenced to 10 years probation Wednesday.

The sentence handed down by Circuit Judge Michael Town was heard in Taysheh Aiwoli's plea agreement with prosecutors. She pleaded no contest to manslaughter June 18 for the death of her 2-day-old son, Treyson, in July 2001.

Resort bans butts

ME RUMFORD — A Maine ski resort banned smoking and other tobacco use beginning this winter, and other ski areas owned by the same non-profit will look into such bans.

The policy forbids use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes and chewing tobacco on the slopes, lifts, buildings and parking lots at Black Mountain of Maine Ski Resort. Visitors who violate the policy would be asked to leave. For workers, being tobacco-free on the job is a condition of employment.



Out for a stroll

Boardwalk in Atlantic City, N.J.

An unidentified man walks past a pink flamingo sculpture on the



Sour note

While he waits his turn backstage with the other contestants, Keith Adams grumbles as another contestant misses a high note during tryouts to sing the National Anthem for the Nashville Predators, in Nashville, Tenn.



Capitol maintenance

Workers continue to remove the marble steps on the south face of Virginia's Capitol in Richmond, Va. The Capitol is undergoing a three-year, \$190 million renovation project. The steps were not part of the original building, but were added during a renovation in 1904.



Who's up there?

A rock dove perches on the head of a statue of Jesus Christ inside Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Edinburg, Texas.



Black bears Cinnamon, left, and Dart play with each other at the California Living Museum in Bakersfield, Calif.

Roughhousing



Michaela Caruso, 5, of Saylorsburg, Pa., chows down on an ear of roasted corn at the West End Fair in Gilbert, Pa.

Mmmm, corn



Rosa Fernandez vacuums the floor as final preparations continue for the Republican Convention at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Tidying up

Tearing the roof off

MI VERMONTVILLE — A storm Wednesday ripped part of the roof off a high school and dropped it on the football field as children and parents were arriving for an orientation session, but no one was hurt.

Authorities said witnesses fled into a hallway at Maple Valley Junior/Senior High School near Vermontville after seeing a funnel cloud in the west. No one was injured.

Lawmaker: BUI, not DUI

NH DERRY — If you're going to drive home drunk, at least use a bicycle, a lawmaker says.

"It's better [to drive a bicycle drunk] than get home behind the wheel," said state Sen. Frank V. Saporeto, R-Derry. "They're going to get home one way or the other, and I'd rather they do it in a way that's not going to kill people. It's on a bicycle or a skateboard, fine, so long as the person's not in a vehicle."

Saporeto said he will file a bill that would prohibit police from filing charges against people riding bikes while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He introduced a similar measure last year, which failed.

Recently, Derry police charged a bicyclist with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Londonderry police charged a bicyclist with drunken driving last summer.

Circus debate

CO DENVER — The Big Top is back in Colorado, two weeks after Denver voters shot down an initiative that sought to ban circuses with exotic animal acts.

Once again, tigers, lions and elephants will perform age-old tricks to the delight of children and parents. And once again, animal-rights activists will be out to protest the use of exotic animals for human amusement.

The arrival of Carson & Barnes Circus in Castle Rock and Highlands Ranch this weekend follows Denver residents' 72 percent to 28 percent rejection of a ballot measure on Aug. 10 to ban exotic animal acts.

Prankster can't fool GPS

RI PROVIDENCE — State police used Global Positioning System technology embedded in a cell phone to track down and arrest a man suspected of making 1-800 obscene phone calls to 911 operators over the past two months.

Police arrested Kenneth Iasimone, 41, who was dubbed "Porno Man" at the Emergency 911 headquarters. Iasimone allegedly called 911 on a cell phone he had bought using the fake name "Tony Soprano."

Raymond LaBelle, executive director of Rhode Island's E-911, said the man sometimes called four to 10 times a day.

"He would call and use some dirty language and play a pornographic film in the background," LaBelle said.

Worse than flying coach

FL MIAMI — A Cuban woman tucked herself inside a wooden crate the size of a small filing cabinet and had herself

shipped from the Bahamas to Miami aboard a cargo plane.

The woman, whose name was not released, will be allowed to stay in the United States, a cargo crew found her curled up inside the crate after unloading it late Tuesday at the Miami airport.

"Certainly she's lucky to be alive," said Zach Mann, spokesman for Customs and Border Protection.

Bad representation

TX RICHMOND — After opting to defend himself, a 52-year-old minister convicted of biting a police officer during a traffic stop has been sentenced to two years in prison.

Probation was not legally possible for Rev. Curtis Lucas because he didn't file an application for probation before the trial and did not offer any evidence during the trial that he was eligible for it.

"I admonished you about the lack of representation yourself," state District Judge Thomas R. Culver III said when he gave the minimum punishment to Lucas in a Fort Bend County court on Wednesday. "I am giving you this sentence not because you are a bad man but because you made bad decisions."

Culver told Lucas, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Richmond, that by not following normal legal procedures concerning probation, Culver was left with few options.

Culver ordered that Lucas be brought back to his court in 40 days and the judge would consider if Lucas was eligible for another form of probation after serving some prison time.

Shields not shy

TN MEMPHIS — The city's police and fire departments are investigating charges that employees were part of a fashion show that included stripping and simulated sex.

Sunday's event, "Battle of the Shields: Memphis Firefighter and Police Fashion Gala," came under fire after a columnist from The Commercial Appeal wrote that she saw nearly nude men on stage, their private parts covered in soap-suds.

At least two women, Wendi C. Thomas wrote, were "hoisted in the air, their legs around men's waists."

At least one person swung a badge, and others wore department pants and held nightsticks, she wrote.

A show organizer told Thomas all the models were from the police and fire departments.

Finally exposed

NY MINEOLA — A man who fled to San Marino and hid for more than a decade after he was convicted of killing two people while drag racing on Long Island has been sentenced to five to 15 years in prison.

Ugo Berardi, 70, a native of San Marino, was convicted in 1992 in the deaths of Marc Singer, 48, and his mother, Sarah Gerstein, 71. Berardi had been drag racing with a teenager when he collided with the victims' car on Nov. 26, 1990. Singer's father, David Gerstein, who suffered severe brain injury and paralysis in his left arm in the crash, has since died.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Horoscope

Pluto spends a third of the year in retrograde, but today, the slow-moving (and rather profound) planet is set to go direct. Pluto rules life's major changes, and for many, there will be an intense event or insightful realization from which there is no going back. In a sense, life changes overnight, even though the change might take weeks to unfold.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(August 30) You exert your independence this year, which in a strange way attracts more support than ever for your causes. You'll realize how profoundly loved you are, and people are especially attentive in September. October brings a career move that helps you get something you've wanted for a long time. Lucky love signs are Taurus and Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As a rebel, you sometimes feel that if you're not acting against an opposing force, you're not working hard enough. Everything doesn't have to be a fight. There's luck when you yield to the requests of people you respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Any action you take to deter your own progress is dangerous. If you're honest, you'll easily spot these behavioral traps. Take hold of your psyche, and command yourself to do the things you've been procrastinating for ages.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your day is a series of choices, not events that happen to you. This shift is one of the most empowering you could ever experience. You're creating the movie of your life — what admirable action will the main character take?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're hard on yourself. Sure, an action is not complete until you bring it to a conclusion, but somewhere along the way, try to sit back and observe your work, knowing that with each effort you're getting closer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mind is going a million miles a minute now. As soon as you get an idea, act on it right away. Otherwise,

you'll wait and worry and doubt and eventually forget about it. This is especially true if you want to meet somebody.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your aims are high now, but don't forget about stability. Expecting to have endless energy and creativity when you've done nothing to nurture them is unreasonable. Take care of yourself like you never have before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're prone to passionate whims and could even take a spontaneous road trip. Responsibilities don't magically disappear, though. Cleverly cover your bases while you're flying down the freeway or beaching it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The atmosphere is charged with a fresh feeling, and with all the playful electricity in the air, it may as well be a Friday — even the shyest in the bunch is ready for action. Everyone is out and about, making the hot spots even hotter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All morning long, you've got luck for getting the tedious stuff out of the way. This lets you kick back and visit with friends, or start something new. But you don't know how to go about it, look to someone who does.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your approval puts a plan in motion. It's good to be king — or queen, as the case may be. If you get the feeling something's up this afternoon, it could be because someone is either talking or fantasizing about you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A problem that has been dogging you for a long time suddenly seems simple — maybe because you're doing instead of worrying about what there is to do. Use intuition to help you decide whether to go through with a deal.

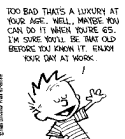
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships suck mental energy if you allow them to. Or you could release problems and ask the universe to show you what to do. What would happen if you just let go of playing committee issues?

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Calvin and Hobbes



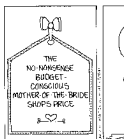
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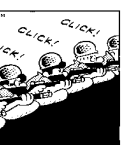
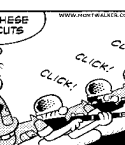
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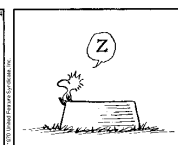
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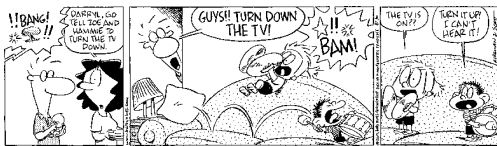
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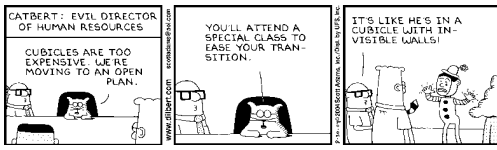
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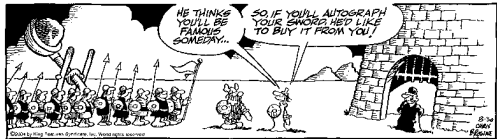
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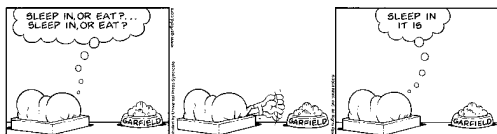
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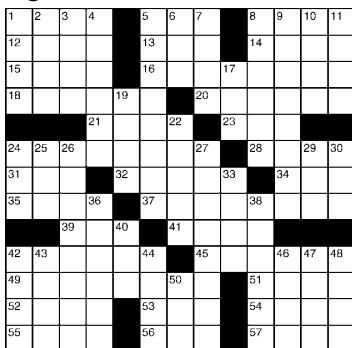
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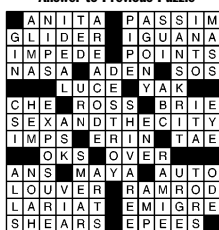
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: FLASHLIGHTS OFTEN SEEM TO BE NOT MUCH MORE THAN CASES FOR HOLDING DEAD BATTERIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals G

Let your true feelings be known

Dear Abby: My best friend, "Angela," has a boyfriend I'll call Robb. I have an insanely strong crush on him. I am 14, but I am very mature for my age and have unusually intense feelings. Seeing Robb with Angela every day is torture.

The school counselors suggested I immerse myself in something to get my mind off Robb — sports, drama, my studies — anything. I tried for months, but it hasn't worked. I can barely function because I'm so miserable and loveless.

A few days ago, Angela told me she doesn't like Robb as a boyfriend as much as she used to and would rather be good friends with him. But she doesn't want to hurt his feelings. I want to tell her how I feel about him, but I can't bring myself to do it. What if she laughs at me or tells me he'd never like me? I might kill myself. Please help.

— **Loveless in California**

Dear Loveless: Speak up!

Dear Abby



Angela gave you the perfect opening when she said she'd prefer to be good friends with Robb. Don't let your fear of what she "might" say keep you suffering in silence. The only thing worse than caring for someone who doesn't know you're alive is feeling trapped in a relationship with someone you no longer care for.

It's not necessary to tell Angela that you're so lovesick you can't function. Just let her know that if she wants to date others, she should be happy to console Robb. Then cross your fingers and make yourself available if he wants a shoulder to cry on.

Dear Abby: A good

friend of mine recently wrote and self-published a book. It is comprised of anecdotes, poems and short essays. She asked if I liked it, and I (coward that I am) told her I liked a couple of the stories and thought the book was quite good. I lied. The book is

horrible. I thought it was just me — but when I shared it with a few others, they felt the same way.

Much of what she wrote reflects strong negativity about her job as a social worker, the people she's there to help, and the children she taught as a substitute teacher. I want to tell her my true feelings, but everybody tells me to keep quiet. That may not be fair to her. She's starting another book, and I think she should know the truth. How can I tell her without hurting her feelings or insulting her?

— **"Lil White Lie**
Dear "Lil: Writing her thoughts and feelings may be your friend's mechanism for venting her frustrations, and it's a healthy one. I see nothing to be gained by discouraging her. Because you and your friends didn't care for her book doesn't mean no one will. Since her friendship means a lot to you, mum's the word.

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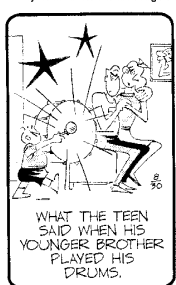
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



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Saturday's Jumbles: DADDY GUARD GRAVEN PEP SIN
Answer: He had a hole in his sock because his wife didn't — GIVE A "DARN"

Grandparents set bad example

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for eight years and have three children. The problem is my in-laws.

My children adore their grandparents, but unfortunately, the adults could use some lessons in deportment. When they are around my children, they swear, speak of issues that never should be mentioned around kids and use racial slurs. My husband and I have talked to his family about this, but they refuse to stop. I'm sure it is so ingrained in their speech patterns that they have no idea they are doing it. Recently, my in-laws have begun encouraging behavior in my children that horrifies me, such as going behind our backs to say mean things to me specifically. I said they could not have.

I don't want to ban my children from seeing their grandparents, but I also don't want my kids to behave in ways my husband and I disapprove of. Last week, my 7-year-old used a ra-

Annie's Mailbox



cial slur to describe one of my husband's friends. We can guess where he learned it. Short of stopping these visits altogether, what can we do?

— **Hate the In-Laws**

Dear Hate the In-Laws: While their behavior is irritating and worrisome, the truth is, your in-laws have much less influence on your children than you. If the folks say something you don't like, discuss it with your children at home, and explain that such language is insulting, demeaning, inappropriate, whatever, and that it will not be tolerated. Your children will learn how to behave from you. Really.

Dear Annie: I read the column concerning adopting their birth mothers and would like to comment. My firstborn daughter was the result of a rape by a family member. I knew she would have a much better life if I put her up for adoption.

She contacted me after she was married and had children. I was pleased to meet her, learn how her life had gone and impart medical history. However, I made it clear that I had no intention of usurping the relationship she had with her adoptive parents. She agreed, but then began to show up at my house at the drop of a hat and began visiting my younger daughter's house as well.

We didn't want her to think we didn't care, so we shared holidays with her. It was never enough. For each concession to her feelings, she wanted a dozen more. Now there is a lot of tension, awkwardness and resentment on both sides. Please tell those who search not to expect too much.

— **A Reader in the West**
Dear Reader: Thank you for being so frank. Some of these reunions are fulfilling, but not all.

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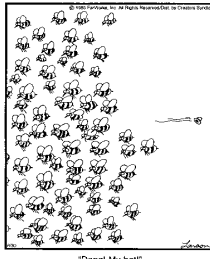


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Curacao advances to title game

By DAN LEWERENZ

The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Dimitri Eugenia's first hit in the Little League World Series

was enough to send his team to the championship game. Eugenia hit a solo home run and Jurickson Profar allowed just one hit to lead Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, to a 4-0 victory over Guadalupe of Mexico's Linda Vista Little League in the international championship game.

Curacao (5-0) has played for the international title in each of the past four years, but this was the first time it advanced to the championship game. Curacao will face the U.S. title winner on Sunday — Lamar National of Richmond, Texas, or Consejo Val-



AP

Carlos Pineda of Curacao hits a two-run homer in the fourth inning of his team's 4-0 victory over Mexico on Saturday.

ley of Thousand Oaks, Calif. Eugenia struck out in each of his five previous at-bats. But with two outs in the second, he hit his first pitch over the right-center field wall for the game's first run. "After five strikeouts, the pitcher will not throw that hard," Eugenia said through an interpreter.

"He just threw it over the middle, thinking he was going to strike me out again. I just hit it."

Mexico (3-2) loaded the bases in the fourth, but Profar struck out Felipe Martinez to end the threat. Mexico had two on with one out in the fifth, but Profar struck out one and the last batter hit into a fielder's choice.

"The manager asked if I could strike out the batter, and I did it," Profar said.

Profar (2-0) struck out 12; Ismael Garcia (0-1) took the loss.

"His first game, against (Saudi Arabia), he didn't pitch very well because he didn't have the fast ball," Curacao coach Michelangelo Celestina said. "He pitched today like he did at Curacao in the national tournament."

Carlos Pineda hit a two-run homer in the fourth — his third home run of the series — to make it 3-0. Jonathan Schoop's RBI double in the fifth made it 4-0.

Ex-CU recruiting aide has court date

The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A former University of Colorado football recruiting assistant accused of soliciting a prostitute is scheduled to appear in Boulder County Court Tuesday.

Nathan Maxxey, 28, was the only person indicted after a state grand jury ended its investigation earlier this month into allegations that the CU football program used sex and alcohol to entice promising recruits.

Maxxey, who now lives in Texas, surrendered to Boulder County authorities Thursday and was released on \$5,000 bond that prohibits him from leaving the state. Deputy District Attorney Pete Maguire said Maxxey has a court hearing Tuesday to ask

permission to return to Texas.

He is scheduled to enter a plea Sept. 9.

Maxxey is charged with misdemeanor solicitation for prostitution and two felonies: embezzlement of public property and theft, both related to allegations he used a school cell phone to call a dating chat line.

Attorney General Ken Salazar asked the grand jury to investigate allegations about the football program. He said last week other matters relating to the investigation were still pending, but didn't elaborate.

Bovina wins Pilot Pen tournament

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Elena Bovina of Russia withstood 100-degree heat Saturday and beat friend and practice partner Nathalie Dechy of France 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 to win the Pilot Pen tournament.

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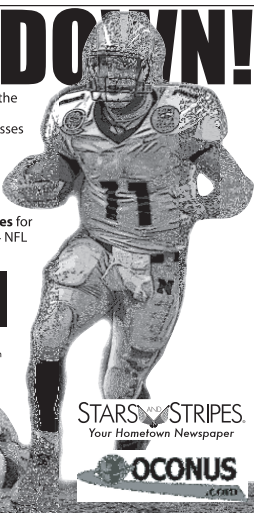
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Gordon bags sixth pole of year

The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. outlasted a season-high 13 cautions — and overtime — to beat Matt Kenseth in a green-white-checked flag finish Friday night at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Earnhardt, who started from the pole, led a race-high 125 laps, but several late cautions bunched the field and gave the competitors a chance to run him down in the Food City 250.

He had a terrific restart with nine laps to go, easily pulling away from Kevin Harvick. Kenseth pushed past Harvick and was reeling in Earnhardt when the 13th caution flag came out for a wreck involving Tony Roper and Jay Sauter.

It set up the first green-white-checked flag finish of the Busch series, and Earnhardt once again got a jump to pull away from Kenseth and ride on to his second Busch series victory in four starts this season.

"I was worried because I got a lot of stuff on the tires," Earnhardt said. "But Matt did a good job. He could have run all over me. The last lap I was chugging through corners, just trying to keep it on the bottom."



Casey Mears (1) drops out of Hermie Sadler (02) and David Stremme (32) during Friday night's Busch series race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Manning struggles against Jets' aggressive defense in 17-0 loss

By BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning got his first dose of real NFL defensive schemes and it had to taste awful.

The top choice in the NFL Draft in April, the New York Jets' quarterback struggled against the New York Jets in a 17-0 loss Friday night. It was the Jets' ninth successive victory in the annual exhibition games.

Usually, exhibition games feature vanilla defenses but the Jets threw all kinds of defensive looks at the Giants, from both 4-3 and 3-4 alignments, with frequent safety blitzes and a mix of coverages. While Giants starting quarterback Kurt Warner handled them decently and led his team to a first-quarter touchdown on Ron Dayne's 9-yard run, Manning seemed befuddled.

Auto Racing Roundup

"He laid off of me. It was a good race, a good win."

Castroneves takes IRL pole
NAZARETH, Pa. — Helio Castroneves put himself in the best position to win the 100th IRL race by taking the pole Saturday for the final event at Nazareth Speedway.

Now, the defending race champion hopes to present car owner Roger Penske with a victory Sunday in the Firestone Indy 225.

Penske built the track in 1986 and later merged his racing facilities with those of International Speedway Corp. ISC said in May the mile oval would close after this season.

Castroneves posted a fast lap of 167.396 mph. He will be joined in the front row by teammate Sam Hornish Jr., who went 167.100.

Qualifying third was points leader Tony Kanaan, far off the pace at 166.591. Kanaan's Andretti Green Racing teammate Darío Franchitti, the winner last Sunday at Pikes Peak, was next at 165.684.

Bourdais adds to CART lead

MONTREAL — It took Sebastian Bourdais until the final moments of qualifying this time, but it seems as if nothing can slow the Champ Car points leader.

He captured the pole position Saturday for the Montreal Indy — his sixth pole of the season and third in a row.

After surprising rookie AJ Allmendinger knocked Bourdais off the pole with about three minutes remaining in the 35-minute qualifying session, the Frenchman could have settled for the runner-up spot, which he guaranteed himself by taking the provisional pole Friday.

Instead, Bourdais made one last run on the 2.709-mile, 13-turn Circuit Gilles Villeneuve road course and drove his Newman/Haas Racing Lola to a lap of 1 minute, 19.897 seconds — 122.062 mph — that kept Allmendinger from winning his first career pole with his lap of 121.492 mph.

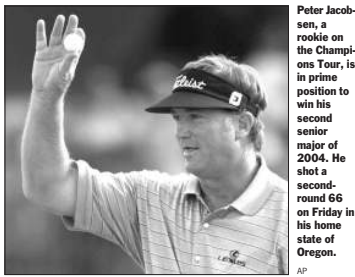
Bourdais added another championship point, increasing his lead over teammate Bruno Junqueira to 58 points entering Sunday's race.

Mario Dominguez qualified third at 121.425 mph, followed by Junqueira at 121.211 and a trio of Canadians — defending series champion Paul Tracy (120.694), Patrick Carpentier (120.644) and Alex Tagliani (120.565).

Trulli edges Schumacher for Formula One pole

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium — Jarno Trulli nipped Michael Schumacher on Saturday to take the pole for the Belgian Grand Prix, hoping to repeat his triumph of three months ago at Monaco, where the Renault driver also claimed the pole en route to his first Formula One victory.

Schumacher only has to finish two points ahead of Ferrari teammate Rubens Barrichello in Sunday's race to capture an unprecedented seventh driving title.



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Funk, Johnson lead Buick Championship

The Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. — Fred Funk and tour rookie Zach Johnson played nearly flawless golf Friday to share a one-stroke lead in the Buick Championship after two rounds.

Johnson shot a 5-under 65 and Funk had a 66 to move to 8-under-par (132) for the tournament, one better than Hank Kuehne (65). First-round leader Corey Pavin and Jose Coorees are two strokes back. A group of six golfers are three strokes behind the leaders.

Johnson, the Nationwide Tour player of the year in 2003, won the BellSouth Classic in March for his first PGA Tour title. The rookie hit all 14 fairways and had seven one-putts Friday. After two rounds, he's been the most accurate driver in the tournament, hitting 27 of 28 fairways.

He began the day five strokes off the lead, but finished with six birdies to the Funk. It was his first appearance at the TPC at River Highlands.

"I like every hole to be honest with you," Johnson said. "It's got everything. This golf course can suit anybody's game. You've got Hank Kuehne, who's playing well, and you've got Fred (Funk) who doesn't hit it very far, but he gets it out there."

Funk, typically the most accurate driver on tour, treated the gallery to crisp shotmaking Friday. The only green he missed was his last one, and that cost him sole possession of the lead. Still, he made three birdies on the last five holes.

He was 9-under par heading into the final hole when he was faced with a tricky lie on a fairway rough. He pushed his approach into the deep rough to the right of the green and failed to get up and down, carding his only bogey in two days.

"I just got unlucky," Funk said. "You never feel good finishing with a bogey. That was really the only downside of the whole day."

Pavin was coming off a career-best tying 62 on Thursday, but faltered early in the second round, making a bogey and double-bogey in his first seven holes. Pavin finished the day with a 2-over 72.

Golf roundup

Jimenez, Levett pace BMW field

NORD RICHENHOF, Germany — Thomas Levett shot 9-under-par 63 Saturday and shared the third-round lead with Miguel Angel Jimenez in the BMW International Open, an event in which a half-dozen players are vying for spots on Europe's Ryder Cup team.

Jimenez of Spain carded a 67 and was at 15-under 201 with Levett, a Frenchman who missed Raphael Jacquelin's stroke record by a stroke. Two strokes behind were U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen (68) and Austria's Markus Briar (67).

Ireland's Paul McGinley and Englishman Ian Poulter, David Howell and Paul Casey — all within seven strokes of the lead — have the inside track for the Ryder Cup spots. But Fredrik Jacobson was tied for third and three strokes back, threatening to displace one of them.

Jacobson leads final senior major of the year

ALOHA, Ore. — Peter Jacobsen, who won the U.S. Senior Open earlier this month, shot a 6-under 66 in the Tradition and was at 9-under, one stroke ahead of Bruce Lietzke after two rounds of the Champions' Tour's last major of the year.

First-round leaders Vicente Fernandez and Jose Maria Canizares were among five players at 6-under. Bruce Sammerhays, also a co-leader Thursday, shot 72 and trailed by four.

Park ahead in Wachovia

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Grace Park closed with an eagle and two birdies Saturday to shoot 7-under-par 65 and take a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the Wachovia LPGA Classic.

Park's 17-under 199 is a 56-hole record in the event, two strokes better than Michelle Ellis' total in 2002.

Second-round leader Jill McGill is one stroke behind after a 2-under 70, and Soo-Yun Kang (68) is another shot back at 201.

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Women: U.S. team has risen to top of Olympic form

WOMEN, FROM BACK PAGE

"This is incredible," said Staley, who played in her first and final Olympics. "I have to share this with so many people — people in the United States and Spain, people who come from humble beginnings. This gold medal is for them."

Staley, Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes will leave Athens on Sunday with their third gold medals, and that seems fitting.

They have led the resurgence in U.S. women's basketball internationally after disappointing bronze medal finishes in the 1992 Olympics and 1994 world championships. They gave their time to training and travel and were joined by other players similarly committed.

The result: 25 straight victories in the Olympics, three Olympic golds and two world championships. "We had an ultimate goal and that was to win the gold medal," Tina Thompson said. "And we did it."

Thompson led the United States with 18 points, including a clutch three-pointer in the fourth quarter. Staley, usually a passer instead of scorer, came up big with 14 points. Leslie scored 13 and Shannon Johnson had 12, including eight in a short stretch after the United States started to pull away after trailing by four.

"I can hold our poise like the veterans always do," said Taurasi, who was selected for the team after leading Connecticut to its third straight NCAA championship. "This is just the greatest. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

It certainly didn't hurt the Americans that Australian star Lauren Jackson had a miserable game. Jackson, leading the Olympics with a 24.4 scoring average, shot 4-for-16 and managed just 12 points.

Cave Johnson Stirling said Jackson was bothered by an intestinal virus, the WNBA's leading scorer, said that wasn't so.

"I was fine," she said. "I was just pregame nerves, nothing really. I have no regrets. We left everything on the court."

Penny Taylor gave the United States problems with her aggressive drives to the basket and led Australia with 16 points. But she was ineffective after getting her third and fourth fouls 20 seconds apart in the final minute of the third quarter.



Lisa Leslie and Dawn Staley (5) celebrate the United States' 74-63 victory against Australia on Saturday in Athens, Greece.

That was when the United States made its move. With her team trailing 49-45, Taurasi sank a three-pointer to cut the lead to one. Johnson tied it at 50 with two free throws and then, with time about to expire at the end of the third quarter, she drove into the lane and banked in a turnaround shot to make it 52-50.

The game was a long way from being over, but the United States led the rest of the way. A driving shot and two free throws by Johnson helped build the lead, and then Thompson stepped up, hitting a three from the right wing after Australia had closed to 63-57.

Thompson somehow kept her concentration with teammate Tamika Catchings sprawled on the floor at her feet.

Then, almost as if it were scripted, it was Staley who provided the finishing touches. In the final 1:37, she made two free throws, drove the lane and scooped in an underhanded layup. She then made two final free throws as the American fans waved flags and chanted "U.S.A., U.S.A."

"I still have a little bit of offense left in me," Staley said. "I was able to hit a couple of open shots. My teammates found me. Lisa even gave me the ball down in the low post for the first time in 16 years."

This was a team that had said anything other than a gold medal in these Olympics would be failure. This team didn't let it get away.

Argentina thumps Italy for first basketball gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Argentina's first Olympic basketball medal was pure gold.

The team with the only NBA player in the surprise gold-medal matchup beat Italy 84-69 Saturday, but it was Manu Ginobili's Euroleague teammates who stole the spotlight.

Luis Scola scored 25 points and Alejandro Montecchia hit two big three-pointers in the fourth quarter to lead Argentina, which was making just its fourth Olympic appearance.

The best finish before this was

fourth in 1952, but the team that beat the United States in the semifinals got to stand on the highest platform Saturday.

It was Italy's second appearance in a gold-medal game, and like it did in 1980 when it lost to Yugoslavia, it would settle for silver.

Montecchia finished with 17 points and Ginobili, who plays for the San Antonio Spurs, had 16 and six assists for Argentina, which played without starting forward Fabricio Oberto, who broke his right arm in the semifinal win.

Matteo Sordani and Giannaro Pozzo each had 12 points for Italy.

Men: U.S. ends with victory

MEN, FROM BACK PAGE

They were knocked out of gold-medal contention by Argentina in an 89-81 semifinal loss Friday.

"I think we ought to be real positive about them and what they did, the commitment they made and the sacrifice they made," U.S. coach Larry Brown said. "I said this before: This is the greatest time I ever had as a coach, and I don't know if I've ever been more proud of a group of people after tonight than this group. It has not been easy."

The start of the game was delayed 48 minutes after both teams arrived wearing white uniforms. It also included a second half that started with no coaches on the American bench. Brown emerged from the tunnel 50 seconds after play started, and his assistants beat him out by only 30 seconds.

"They changed the clock on us,

and I've got two new hips," the 63-year-old Brown said. "We were in a slow jog trying to get here."

Strange stuff, but not quite as weird as the Americans dropping three games after they had lost only two in the previous 68 years.

It's the first time since 1936 players were added for the 1992 Dream Team that the United States is going home without gold. The Americans opened an early 22-13 lead and created fast-break opportunities with their pressure defense.

Lithuania started hitting three-pointers and opened a 65-58 lead in the third quarter before the United States came back with an 8-0 run.

A pair of three-pointers by Marion and Odom came during a 9-3 run that put the Americans up for good, and their defense held Lithuania to just seven points in the final three minutes.

Protests keep Powell away from Games

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell canceled his trip to Greece to the latest his party because of concern his presence — expected to be met with anti-war protests — might have disrupted the closing ceremony at the Olympics. State Department officials said Saturday.

Powell's decision, announced just hours before he was to depart, came after anti-American protests in Athens on Friday that featured "Powell Go Home" placards.

The secretary was not concerned about his own security but felt Greek organizers were entitled to carry out the Sunday night ceremony without the potential for distraction that his presence might have caused, said two State Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Many Greeks had wondered why Powell planned to visit this weekend, knowing his presence would likely provoke protests. Until Powell announced his visit, there had been none of the anti-American demonstrations that

Olympic briefs

were feared in the run-up to the Games. He discussed the situation on Friday with Greek Foreign Minister Petros Molivati. Powell said he hopes to travel to Athens in October.

Friday's protest was directed largely against U.S. policies in Iraq, Greece, along with about 10 other members of NATO, is not a part of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

Riot police used tear gas to disperse hundreds of demonstrators protesting Powell's planned visit.

Hungarian weightlifter stripped of silver medal

ATHENS, Greece — Hungarian weightlifter Ferenc Gyurkovics was stripped of his silver medal and kicked out of the Olympics on Saturday for using steroids. Puerto Rican wrestler Mabel Fonseca was also expelled for a positive drug test.

Gyurkovics used oxandrolone, the International Olympic Com-

mittee said. He competed in the 105-kilogram (231-pound) class and set an Olympic record by lifting 195 kilograms (429 pounds) in the snatch on Tuesday, but finished second to Dmitri Berezov of Russia in the overall totals.

The IOC announcement extends to 22 the record number of athletes busted for doping in Athens. The previous record was 12 at the Los Angeles Olympics. Five medals have been revoked — two golds, two bronzes and one silver.

Gyurkovics is the fourth Hungarian kicked out, and the 12th weightlifter.

Taeekwondo athlete released from hospital

ATHENS, Greece — An athlete from the Central African Republic was released from the hospital Saturday, one day after he was briefly being knocked unconscious in an Olympic taekwondo bout.

Liango was released from Kat hospital in Athens on Saturday afternoon, the Greek health ministry said. He sustained a concussion.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Sloppy handoff dooms favored U.S. men

Greene can't close gap as Britain takes gold with 400 relay upset

By ROB GLOSTER
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Maurice Greene grabbed the baton and accelerated toward the finish, blowing past a Nigerian and reeling in Britain's Mark Lewis-Francis.

But even the self-proclaimed greatest sprinter of all time could not make up for a sloppy handoff that ripped apart a team-mate's shoe earlier in the 400-meter relay, and Greene's chest crossed the line Saturday just a hair behind the Brit. The Americans were forced to settle for silver by an excruciating hundredth of a second on a night their teammates easily won gold in two other relays.

"I almost caught him in the end, but almost isn't good enough," Greene said. "I hope we pleased the fans and I hope we didn't let anybody down. If we did, I apologize."

The mighty men of U.S. sprinting, who've dominated the Athens Games with five of the six medals in the 100 and 200, lost the 400-meter relay to only the fifth time in Olympic history.

Greene's close call was the biggest disappointment for the U.S. on the final night of Olympic track. Despite gold medals in the men's and women's 1,600 meters, the Americans were expected to win them all.

Led by Jeremy Wariner, the U.S. men won their 1,600 relay by nearly five seconds, capturing gold in 2:55.74 — just 17 seconds off the Olympic record. It was the seventh straight gold for the Americans in that relay, not counting the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games. The U.S. women won their 1,600 relay in 3:19.01.



The United States' Amy Acuff clears the bar during the women's high jump final at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens on Saturday. Acuff finished fourth in the event.

In the 400 relay, a sloppy baton pass from Justin Gatlin to Coby Miller in the middle of the race left Greene too much ground to make up.

"Because of the crowd noise I couldn't hear Gatlin call 'stick,'" said Miller, who ran the third leg. "So I slowed down, because if I had run out of my pass zone we wouldn't have won a medal at all."

Gatlin said he stepped on Miller's foot and ripped a hole in his shoe, "just like somebody cut it with scissors."

"Thank God I didn't cut him," Gatlin said. "I think he did a good job making up ground, especially with a ripped shoe."

One night earlier, a baton handoff from Marion Jones to 100 silver medalist Lauryn Williams knocked the heavily favored U.S. women out of their relay.

The U.S. finished with 24 track and field

medals, tops among all nations and the most for the team since 30 in 1992. The men had 18 — also the best showing since 1992 — but the six women's medals were the fewest since 30 in 1976.

The steroid scandal deprived the women of some of their top sprinters, and Jones, who accounted for five of the women's seven medals in 2000, was shut out.

Greene took the baton in second place and almost made up the gap behind Lewis-Francis with a burst of speed in the final 30 meters.

Lewis-Francis crossed the finish line and turned to yell in Greene's direction. His British team won in 38.07 seconds, and the Americans won silver in 38.08 — after saying for days they would smash the world record of 37.40, Nigeria took bronze.

"I wasn't worried about Maurice

Greene. I knew I had it as soon as I got the baton," Lewis-Francis said. "We have proved everyone wrong today. Everyone ran the race of their life."

Since 1920, the United States had won every 400-meter relay except for a silver in 1996, disqualifications in 1960 and 1988 for going out of the exchange zone, and the boycotted Games in 1980.

On Saturday, instead of preening and clowning on the victory stand as they did with their gold medals in 2000, the relay team was subdued as it received a silver.

Breaux Greer, who had hoped to become the first American to win the javelin since Cyrus Young in 1952, finished last of the 12th finalists with a best throw of 243 feet, 11 inches — nearly 43 feet off his personal best. Greer was competing despite a torn knee ligament that required him to wear a plastic brace on his right leg.

In other races, Hicham El Guerrouj became the first man in 80 years to win the 1,500 and 5,000 meters in one Olympics, holding up two fingers in triumph after out-sprinting world record holder Kenenisa Bekele down the final straightaway of the 5,000.

El Guerrouj, who won the 1,500 on Tuesday, was the second runner within a half-hour to pull off a rare middle-distance double. Briton Kelly Holmes won the 1,500 just before El Guerrouj's race, adding to the 800 title she won on Monday.

For El Guerrouj, the greatest middle-distance runner of his generation, these games provided the first Olympic golds of a storied career. Four days after his sensational victory in the 1,500, he became only the second man to sweep the 1,500 and 5,000 in an Olympics.

Other winners in the track and field finale included a pair of Russians. Yuri Borzakovskiy rallied from fourth place on the final straightaway to win the men's 800 meters and Yelena Slesarenko set an Olympic record of 6 feet, 9 inches to win gold in the women's high jump.

Andrew Thoroldsen of Norway won the javelin.

Ward is last U.S. boxer left standing

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Andre Ward refused to look at the thousands of Greek fans jeering his latest victory. During his walk from the ring to the dressing room, the light heavyweight kept his eyes trained on his small band of friends and family in one corner of the stands.

Ward pointed at his crew, then flexed his biceps. The United States' only remaining gold medal hope is focused on one more victory that will make all the abuse worthwhile.

Ward beat Uzbekistan's Utkirbek Haydarov 17-15 Friday night, becoming the final American with a chance at gold in the team's worst Olympic showing in 56 years.

The Oakland, Calif., native will meet Belarus' Magomed Arripadiev on Sunday for a chance to win the U.S.'s first gold in his weight class since Andrew Maynard in Seoul in 1988.

"It would mean everything to me," Ward said. "That's what I've



Andre Ward will fight Belarus' Magomed Arripadiev for the light heavyweight gold medal Sunday.

been training for all my life. I really believe deep down inside I'm going to get this gold medal, and that's not being boastful."

Earlier, American middleweight Andre Dirrell was beaten 23-18 by world champion Genadiy Golovkin of Kazakhstan. Dirrell will head home to Flint, Mich., with a bronze — but Ward earned one more fight the hard way.

Ward hasn't lost a fight in six years, but that streak was in peril for much of his four-round shove-a-ton against Haydarov, who cleverly neutralized Ward's hand speed by crowding the American and throwing wild blows. Haydarov led for much of the bout, and Ward only triumphed with a series of late punches, scoring two points in the final 17 seconds.

The fans booed Ward constantly, and the announcement of the verdict drew more catcalls.

"I like it. It motivates me," he said. "I feel like they're not showing my country much respect, and I take that personally. They're also not showing me any respect, and I take that personally, too."

On Saturday, Gaydarbek Gaidarbekov of Russia won the middleweight gold medal, beating Golovkin 28-18. Other gold-medal winners Saturday included Yuriorkis Gamboa Toledano of Cuba (flyweight), Alexei Tichchenko of Russia (featherweight), Manus Boonjungmoo of Thailand (light middleweight) and Odanlier Solis Fonte of Cuba (heavyweight).

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Sandonson wraps up gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece—Cael Sanderson has fulfilled all of his promise, met all of the expectations. The best wrestler in U.S. college history is now the best in the world, too.

A winner since first pulling on a singlet for his father-coach in Heber City, Utah, Sanderson beat South Korea's Moon Eui-jae 3-1 Saturday in the Olympic 185-pound freestyle finals to cap his unequalled career.

Four-time high school champion. Four-time NCAA champion. Now the world champion. Sanderson has lived up to a single standard than any other active U.S. wrestler, and he has never disappointed.

He wasn't about to disappoint now, either, not in the biggest match of his life on the world's biggest stage. He came through, just like he always has, after two surprising American finalists, Stephen Aspin and Jamill Kelly, lost their gold-medal matches.

Down 1-0 early in the second period after Moon slipped a clinch, Sanderson became more aggressive and rolled Moon for a two-point back exposure, then tripped him with a single-leg takedown in the final minutes for his final point. He had to rally in two of his final three Olympics matches.

"I didn't wrestle perfect. I made mistakes and gave up some points," Sanderson said. "But I was able to get back and get wins. Because he always had a chance to go to the gold-medal match, Sanderson beat Cuba's Yulo Romero—a wrestler he had never beaten—3-2 in the semifinals earlier in the day. Then Moon upset Russia's Sazhid Sazhidov, who had narrowly beaten Sanderson in last year's world finals.

"You can say all you want about talent, but the reason Cael Sanderson is an Olympic champion is he has the heart of a champion," said Iowa State coach Bobby Douglas, who was in Sanderson's corner. "His college career was great, but that can't compare to this. This was his greatest moment of his life."

Taekwondo

Men's 80kg: American Steven Lopez won to overcome a hostile crowd and Bahri Tankulu of Turkey to win a gold medal, the second title of his Olympic career.

Lopez backed Tankulu into a corner and kicked him in the gut to take the lead for good in the second of three rounds in the final. He went on to win 3-0.

The Sugar Land, Texas, native also won gold in the 2000 Olympics in the 150-pound (68 kg) division. He has since moved up in weight classes and had no trouble making the adjustment, winning the 2003 world championship and earning the tough competition at the Athens Games.

Yossef Karami of Iran took the bronze.

Women's 67kg: Luo Wei of



American Steven Lopez, top, competes against Iran's Raid Rasheed in the under 80kg quarterfinal taekwondo match Saturday. Lopez defeated Rasheed and went on to win the gold medal.

China beat Elisavet Mystakidou of Greece, disappointing the raucous home crowd. Hwang Kyung-sun of South Korea took the bronze.

Soccer

Men: Argentina won its first Olympic gold medal in the sport, beating Paraguay 1-0 on Carlos Tevez's eighth goal of the tournament.

Despite the loss, Paraguay captured its first medal in any sport. In a game the Argentines controlled from the beginning, Mauro Rosales helped set up the winning goal in the 18th minute with a cross from the right side. Tevez ran between Paraguay defenders Julio Manzur and Carlos Gamara and shot the ball into the net from about 20 feet out.

Canoe-Kayak

Women's 500m kayak doubles: Birgit Fischer settled for silver, leaving the 42-year-old Olympic win with two medals in two days. The two-woman crew from Hungary overtook Fischer and her German partner in the second half, ending her quest for a ninth gold medal. Natasa Janics and Katalin Kovacs won the gold. Poland got the bronze.

Women's 500m kayak singles: Janics beat Josefa Idem of Italy, who finished second, and Caroline Brunet of Canada, who finished third.

Men's 500m canoe singles: Germany's Andreus Pittner beat Spaniard David Cal by .34 seconds to win the 500-meter canoe event, while Russia's Maxim Oparov took the bronze.

Men's 500m kayak singles: Canadian single kayaker Adam van Koeverden took his second medal of the game — this one a

gold. He beat Australia's Nathan Baggeley by .55 seconds, with Britain's Ian Wynne taking bronze.

Men's 500m kayak doubles: Germany's Ronald Raube and his German partner won handily. Australia ended up with the silver, 07 seconds ahead of Belarus.

Cycling

Men's mountain bike: Julien Absalon, whose focus had been on Athens since failing to make France's Olympic team four years ago, pulled away in the second half of the mountain bike race and

ended up with the silver, 17 seconds ahead of Belarus. The Netherlands took the bronze.

Men's 10-meter platform: Hu Jia of China won the gold medal Saturday in 10-meter platform diving with a score of 748.08.

Matthew Helm of Australia won the silver with 730.56. Tian Liang of China got the bronze with 729.66.

Star clash: Ross MacDonald and Mike Wolfe of Canada won the silver medal while Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambau of France got the bronze. Torben Graef and Marcello Ferreira of Brazil clinched the gold on Thursday with a race remaining.

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Olympics scoreboard

Saturday's scores

Basketball	
Men's	
Seventh place	
Spain 52, China 76	
Fifth place	
Greece 85, Puerto Rico 75	
Bronze medal	
United States 104, Lithuania 96	
Women	
Bronze medal	
Russia 71, Brazil 61	
Gold medal	
United States 78, Australia 63	

Soccer	
Gold medal	
Argentina 1, Paraguay 0	
TEAM HANDBALL	
Seventh place	
Spain 31, South Korea 28	
Fifth place	
France 33, Hungary 28	
Bronze medal	
Russia 28, Hungary 26	

Volleyball	
Classification	
Hungary 36, Brazil 31	
Bronze medal	
Ukraine 21, France 18	
Women	
Volleyball	
China 3 Brazil 1 (25-22, 25-22, 25-25, 25-17)	
China 3 Russia 2 (28-30, 25-22, 25-25, 25-23)	

Boxing

Finals	
Yuriorkis Gamboa, Cuba, def. Jerome Thomas, France, 29-23	
Alexei Titchenko, Russia, def. Kim Song-guk, North Korea, 39-17	
Mano Bunompon, Thailand, def. Yudel Johnson Cedenio, Cuba, 17-11	
Gavdarbek Gaydarbayev, Russia, def. Genadiy Golovkin, Kazakhstan, 29-16	
Odlanier Solis, Cuba, def. Viktor Yevsey, Belarus, 22-13	

Canoe-Kayak

Finals	
Kayak	
1. Adam van Koeverden, Canada, 137.919	
2. Jiri Hladky, Czech Republic, 138.467	
3. Ian Wynne, Britain, 138.547	
Canoe	
1. Andreas Pittner, Germany, 134.383	
2. Andreus Pittner, Germany, 134.383	
3. Maxim Oparov, Russia, 147.767	
Canoe Doubles	
1. Germany (Ronald Raube, Tim Wiesekotte), 127.060	
2. Australia (Clint Robinson, Nathan Baggeley), 127.520	
3. Belarus (Ilgam Plushchinskaya, Vadim Malinovich), 127.566	
Canoe Doubles	
1. China (Meng Guanzhang, Yang Wenjun), 140.278	
2. China (Brahm Rajoo Blanco, Ledia Francis Balgoja Pajon), 140.350	
3. Russia (Alexander Kostoglod, Alexander Kovalev), 140.442	

Women	
Canoe Singles	
1. Natasa Janics, Hungary, 147.741	
2. Jennifer Housh, Australia, 148.263	
3. Caroline Brunet, Canada, 150.601	
Kayak Doubles	
1. Hungary (Katalin Kovacs, Natasa Janics), 138.102	
2. Germany (Birgit Fischer, Carolin Leonen), 138.251	
3. Poland (Aneta Pastuszka, Beata Sokolowska-Kulesza), 140.077	

Cycling

Mountain bike	
Men	
1. Julien Absalon, France, 2:15:02	
2. Jose Antonio Hernandez, Spain, 2:16:02	
3. Bart Brentjens, Netherlands, 2:17:05	
U.S. finishers	
1. Todd Wells, Denmark, 2:24:37	
2. Jeremy Morgan-Kobayashi, Denver, 2:25:35	
3. Kristina Burrier, Nevada, 2:41:59	

Men's 10m Platform	
1. Hu Jia, China (4, 207.30; 1, 540.78), 748.08	
2. Matthew Helm, Australia (2, 208.38; 1, 522.22), 730.56	
3. Tian Liang, China (4, 207.30; 1, 522.22), 729.66	
Women	
1. Andreea Despotie, Canada (1, 209.46; 4, 498.00), 707.46	
2. Kristina Burrier, Britain (1, 180.51; 5, 668.17), 669.24	
3. Peter Taylor, Britain (5, 195.09; 6, 468.03), 469.12	

Gymnastics

Rhythmic Team	
1. Russia (Olga Bolodina, Olga Bolodina, Tatiana Kurbatova, Elena Lavrova, Elena Marikina, Elena Prokhorova), 51.00	
2. China (Wang Yanyan, Wang Yanyan, Minnie, Minnie, Minnie, Minnie), 49.00	
3. Bulgaria (Zhaneta Ilieva, Elenaora Ilieva, Elenaora Ilieva, Elenaora Ilieva, Elenaora Ilieva), 46.69	

Sailing

Tornado	
1. Austria (Roman Hagara, Hans Peter Steinacher), 1:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000	

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Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division		L	Pct	GB
New York	74	48	1.000	0
Tampa Bay	69	46	1.000	0
Toronto	59	46	1.000	0
Central Division				
Chicago	67	55	7	55
Minnesota	64	58	1	18
Seattle	62	46	1	35
Kansas City	51	37	25	
West Division				
Oakland	75	51	24	
Anaheim	57	49	22	
Texas	52	56	27	
Los Angeles	49	39	27	

Friday's games

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Red Sox 5, Tigers 3

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Ortiz 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Munson 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Sizzling Red Sox win again, get good news on Ramirez

Gutierrez picks up slack in Boston's 10th victory in 11 games

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The most satisfying images from the Boston Red Sox's latest win are the X-rays of Manny Ramirez's knee.

The Boston slugger fouled a ball off his knee in the fourth inning of the Red Sox's 5-3 home victory over the Detroit Tigers on Friday night.

But the nervousness from seeing Ramirez, the AL leader with 34 homers, limping around home plate in pain turned to relief when the X-rays came back negative.

"We definitely need his bat — the understatement of the year," manager Terry Francona said. "He thought he was doing OK."

There's no doubt the Red Sox are doing fine, winning for the 10th time in 11 games to remain 5 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Ricky Gutierrez picked up the offense for Ramirez, who singled and scored in the first driving in two runs in the fifth and getting three hits.

Derek Lowe (12-10) allowed three runs and seven hits in eight innings, striking out seven to win for the sixth time in his last eight decisions.

"We're on a good roll, and as a starting pitcher you don't want to be the one guy that stops the momentum," Lowe said. "As a rotation, it's been a lot of fun the last couple of weeks."

Lowe's strong outing was even more important since closer Keith Foulke was unavailable because of a stiff back. Foulke pitched in four of the previous six games so Francona decided to play it safe.

In his absence, Mike Timlin started the ninth and gave up a pair of hits before striking out Craig Monroe, who had already hit a two-run homer in the game.

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Alan Embree struck out pinch-hitter Marcus Thames, and Curtis Leskanen got Brandon Inge to pop out to right to end it for his first save since signing with the Red Sox on June 22.

Mike Maroth (10-9) allowed five runs — four earned — and 10 hits in five innings. He had lost consecutive decisions after winning the previous seven.

Yankees 8, Blue Jays 7: Derek Jeter, Hideki Matsui and Bernie Williams homered and New York led off to beat the Blue Jays at SkyDome.

Esteban Loaiza lasted just 4 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on seven hits, and is 0-1 in his first starts for New York. Tanyon Sturtze (5-2) pitched 2 1/3 innings for the win.

Carlos Delgado hit a three-run homer to cut New York's lead to 8-7 in the seventh.

Justin Miller (2-3) was the loser.

Indians 6, White Sox 3: C.C. Sabathia (10-8) matched a career high with 11 strikeouts and Ronnie Belliard hit a three-run homer to lead the Indians over visiting Chicago.

Jason Grilli (0-1) was called up by the White Sox from Triple-A Charlotte to start in place of Freddy Garcia, who has a strained right forearm. He gave up five runs and five hits in five innings.

Rangers 6, Orioles 4: John Waddell gave up two runs and four hits over six innings in his return from the minors, and the Rangers handed visiting Baltimore its 11th consecutive loss. Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro was 1-for-3 with a walk in his first

game against the team with which he wanted to end his career.

Waddell (2-2) was recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A Oklahoma to take the spot of Scott Erickson, who was designated for assignment. Eric Bedard (5-9) gave up six runs, seven hits and four walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Angels 9, Twins 6: Adam Kennedy and Garrett Anderson each hit a two-run homer, and the Angels beat Minnesota in Anaheim to match a season-high ninth straight victory.

Aaron Sele (8-1) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings.

Brad Radke (9-7) pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing nine runs and 15 hits — both season highs.

Athletics 8, Devil Rays 7: Erubiel Durazo hit a two-run homer, Eric Chavez also connected and the Athletics rallied from a four-run deficit at home for their fifth consecutive win.

Justin Duchescherer (5-4) pitched five scoreless innings of relief.

Aubrey Huff matched a career high with four hits, but Tampa Bay had its fourth-game winning streak stopped. Mark Hendrickson (8-13) gave up seven runs in four innings.

Mariners 7, Royals 5: Bret Boone hit a go-ahead two-run homer off D.J. Carrasco (2-2) in the eighth inning and the Mariners had a season-high six home runs in a victory over Kansas City.

The teams combined for nine home runs to match the most in a game at Safeco Field, which opened July 15, 1999. Cleveland and Seattle accomplished the feat on July 16.

Abraham Nunez homered off George Sherrill (2-1) in the eighth to give Kansas City a 5-4 lead.



Ichiro Suzuki is the first player to reach 200 hits in each of his first four seasons. Suzuki had 202 hits entering Saturday's game; the record for hits in a season is 257, set by George Sisler in 1920.

With 200 hits already, Ichiro on record pace

By JIM COUR
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ichiro Suzuki has surprised even himself.

"In Japan, at about the 120th game, I had 201 hits," he said.

"To go at the same pace and do the same thing over here, I didn't even imagine doing that."

Suzuki was talking about 10 years ago when he had 210 hits in 130 games in Japan in 1994, the only time he had 200 hits in his native country.

The former Orix Blue Wave superstar is now flirting with one of the great records in baseball: 257 hits in a season, set by George Sisler in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns.

Suzuki became the first player in major league history to get 200 hits in his first four seasons in the major leagues when he homered to lead off the ninth inning off Kansas City closer Jeremy Affeldt in a 7-3 loss Thursday night.

A Safeco Field crowd of 30,962 chanted "Ichiro, Ichiro, Ichiro" after Suzuki connected for his seventh homer of the season. He reached 200 hits in his 125th game of the season, and after going 1-for-5 he was hitting .364, tops in the AL. "This guy is unreal," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "He's a great hitter. He's a natural."

The 2001 AL MVP and four-time All-Star has missed only one game this season. The Mariners had 36 games left after Thursday night.

In 2001, Suzuki had 242 hits in 157 games. He followed that with 208 hits in 157 games in 2002 and 212 hits in 159 games last season. Suzuki had 51 hits in May and 50 in July. He's primarily a contact hitter who slaps at the ball and gets singles. Since the All-Star break, Suzuki was hitting .458 (81-for-177). In August, he was hitting .449 (44-for-98).

The Sisler record remains a long shot, but it's not out of the question.

"At this point, I'm not going to think about that at all," Suzuki said through a translator. "I think you have goals that you can see and that goal is just too far for me to see."

Seattle manager Bob Melvin is amazed by what Suzuki has achieved during the Mariners' horrendous season.

"This season is killing him," Melvin said. "He has a way of putting it away at night, but it hurts him bad when we lose and we continue to go through stuff like this."

He continues to come out the next day and pressures himself as well as anybody I've ever been around."

Affeldt gave up Suzuki's 200th hit on his first pitch to open the ninth, and didn't seem too troubled by it.

"Hopefully, he signs a bat for me," the pitcher said.

The Mariners, who have been in last place in the AL West since the second day of the season, wound up losing their 80th game to fall 34 games under .500 in one of the biggest plummets in the majors in 2004.

But the fan interest in Seattle is high and Suzuki said it's his responsibility to try to come through for the fans.

"I heard them," he said. "They were very loud. There's probably some fans who came out to see me hit this 200th hit. I knew I had one left to get to 200. I'm just glad and happy that I was able to get that."

Suzuki wants to be a role model as well as a great hitter.

"I say this a lot, but I'm a guy with a small frame who is not very big," said Suzuki, who is 5-foot-8 and 172 pounds. "To be able to come over here and have records, I hope in the future maybe that I can be somebody that they can look up to."

Entering Saturday, Ichiro Suzuki was averaging more than 1.6 hits per game, a pace that would result in 260 hits, surpassing George Sisler's record of 257 set in 1920. Here's how Suzuki has fared each month so far:		
Month	Games	Hits
April	23	26
May	27	50
June	26	29
July	26	51
Aug.	24	46

Source: MLB.com

Tests show Tavaraz's cap just dirty

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Julian Tavaraz's baseball cap is dirty and grimy — but not illegal, according to the man who now owns it.

Tavaraz, a right-handed reliever for the St. Louis Cardinals, is appealing a 10-game suspension handed down Tuesday for having pine tar on the cap. He was ejected from the first game of a doubleheader on Aug. 20 at Busch Stadium after Pittsburgh Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon questioned the cap.

Umpire crew chief Joe West inspected the hat and said Tavaraz and manager Tony La Russa "as much admitted" to the presence of pine tar, which could be used to improve a pitcher's grip on the baseball. Tavaraz was ejected, and as he left the field he tossed the cap to a fan in a box seat behind the St. Louis dugout.

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But Gene McNary, a former St. Louis County executive who is running again for the county's highest office, said the cap is guilty of only being filthy.

After paid \$140 to the fan who caught the cap, then gave it to McNary.

McNary took the cap to St. Louis Testing Laboratories, where substances on it were analyzed. He said the lab tested specifically for both pine tar and resin. Results revealed dust and dirt, but nothing illegal.

Cubs reliever on DL after angrily kicking electric fan

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs reliever Kyle Farnsworth took out his frustrations by kicking an electric

fan. Now he's expected to miss at least three weeks.

Farnsworth was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a sprained and bruised right knee Saturday, one day after he gave up six runs in the ninth inning to the Houston Astros. Farnsworth went back on the Cubs clubhouse and kicked an electric fan that sits in the runway from the dugout, manager Dusty Baker said. Farnsworth was on crutches Saturday and declined comment.

Mets sign Cuban pitcher

NEW YORK — The New York Mets signed Cuban defector Alay Soler on Friday, giving the pitcher a three-year deal worth \$2.8 million.

Soler, 24, was an ace for the Cuban national team last year, going 10-4 with a 2.01 ERA in 18 games. He defected last November with three other players.



Chicago's Kerry Wood gave up four homers Friday to Houston.

Beltran's pair leads Houston

BY DAVE CARPENTER

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Don't blame Carlos Beltran if the Houston Astros miss the playoffs.

The All-Star center fielder had another big day at Wrigley Field, hitting two home runs to lead Houston over Kerry Wood and the Chicago Cubs 15-7 on Friday. Beltran, who finished with four hits, has homered in five consecutive games.

In five games at Wrigley Field since coming over from Kansas City in June, Beltran is 11-for-21 with seven homers and 11 RBIs. "I think that's a coincidence," he said. But, he added: "Every time I come here, I feel good."

Beltran had plenty of help Friday as the Astros chased Wood early and snapped Chicago's five-game winning streak.

Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman hit back-to-back solo homers off Wood, and Jeff Kent added a home run to help Houston win for the ninth time in 12 games. The Astros moved within six games of Chicago in the NL wild-card race.

"The last 10 days we've been playing good baseball," Beltran said. "We've been doing things right and that's real important for us to keep moving up."

Beltran hit a solo homer in the first inning off Wood and a three-run shot in the ninth to punctuate a six-run inning against Kyle Farnsworth. In between, the Astros had 17 hits off five Cubs pitchers.

"When bats get hot like theirs were today, like ours had been, it doesn't matter who you throw out there," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said.

Oswalt (15-9) allowed six runs in eight innings on the hot, muggy day, retiring 13 batters in a row from the fourth inning until yielding a single and a two-run homer to Nomar Garciaparra with two outs in the eighth.

Houston scored four runs off Wood (7-6) in the first and never trailed, battering him for eight runs on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Sanders' blast keys Cards' 85th

St. Louis equals last year's win total; moves .41 games over .500

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Reggie Sanders hit a three-run homer and the St. Louis Cardinals matched last year's total with their 85th victory, beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-4 on Saturday.

Jim Edmonds hit his fifth homer in as many games for St. Louis, which has a major league-best 85-44 record. The Cardinals improved to 11-5 this year against the Pirates.

Sanders hit his 20th homer in the second inning after Scott Rolen's leadoff walk and a single by Edmonds.

Edmonds followed a two-out walk to Rolen in the third inning with his 36th homer, making it 5-1. Edmonds hit two homers Friday night in the Cardinals' 8-5 victory and has 10 RBIs in the last five games.

Matt Morris (14-8) allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings Saturday and Jason Isringhausen pitched the ninth for his 38th save in 44 chances and his second in as many games against Pittsburgh.

Nelson Figueroa (0-1), making his second start of the season, gave up five runs and six hits in four innings as the Pirates lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Pittsburgh closed to 5-4 in the fourth on a two-run homer by Jason Bay and a solo drive by Tike Redman.

So Taguchi's single with two outs in the ninth drove in Sanders, who had doubled.



Pittsburgh's Ty Wigginton crashes into St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina while trying to score a run in the third inning Saturday. Despite Wigginton's best effort, Molina held onto the throw and tagged out the runner.

Pittsburgh got a run in the second on Jose Castillo's RBI single, but right fielder Larry Walker threw out Ty Wigginton at the plate on the play. Wigginton bowled over catcher Yadier Molina, who held onto Walker's throw. Edmonds threw out Castillo at the plate in the fourth when he tried to score from second on Jason Kendall's two-out single.

Dodgers 4, Mets 2: Adrian Beltré went 5-for-5 with his major league-leading 42nd home run as visiting Los Angeles beat New York.

Eric Gagne worked a perfect ninth for his 36th save in 38 chances and first since Aug. 15. His 143rd save since 2002 broke Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley's

major league record for most in a three-year span. Eckersley had 142 from 1990-92 with Oakland.

Jeff Keppinger led off the first inning with his first major league homer for the Mets, who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Richard Hidalgo hit a go-ahead single and starting pitcher Jae Seo left with a 2-1 lead in the seventh inning, but Beltré and the Dodgers rallied against New York's shaky bullpen.

Beltré singled off Ricky Bottalico with one out in the eighth. Mike Stanton (2-6) gave up a double to Shawn Green, and pinch-hitter Olmedo Saenz came through with an RBI infield single up the middle to tie it.

Pinch-hitter Jose Hernandez

followed with a single to center, giving the NL West-leading Dodgers a 3-2 lead.

Beltré added a two-out RBI single in the ninth.

In Friday's NL games: **Expos 10, Padres 3:** Brad Wilkerson homered and had three RBIs and Tony Batista hit a two-run shot for the hot Expos. San Diego remained two games back in the wild-card race.

Phillies 6, Brewers 1: Vicente Padilla (5-6) pitched seven shut-out innings for his first victory since May 23 and the homestanding Phillies sent Milwaukee to its ninth straight loss.

The Phillies snapped a seven-game home losing streak, scoring all their runs with two outs in the fifth inning against Victor Santos (10-9), keyed by two-run singles by Abreu Aday and David Bell.

Diamondbacks 4, Reds 3 (11): Andy Green tripled and scored on Alex Cintron's single in the 11th. Adam Dunn hit his 38th homer for the Reds.

Marlins 3, Rockies 0: Ismael Valdez (11-7) allowed just four hits before leaving in the seventh because of an Achilles' injury and Luis Castillo hit an RBI single. Armando Benitez earned his 37th save, completing a four-hitter. Joe Kennedy (6-6) pitched seven innings for the visiting Rockies, who have dropped five straight.

Mets 9, Dodgers 2: Gerald Williams singled twice in a six-run first inning and the host Mets broke out of an offensive funk in a big way, ending a five-game losing streak.

Tom Glavine hit an RBI single during the early burst and coasted to his 26th career victory. Dodgers starter Wilson Alvarez (7-5) came out in the second inning with a bruised left forearm after being struck by Cliff Floyd's hard one-hopper.

Glavine (9-10) won for only the second time in 12 starts.

Braves win second straight vs. S.F.

BY KEITH PARSONS

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Paul Byrd allowed one run in six innings and hit a pair of run-scoring singles off Jason Schmidt, leading the Atlanta Braves past the San Francisco Giants 9-3 on Saturday.

For the Braves had four hits and four RBIs for the Purves, who have won six straight. They moved a season-high 22 games over .500 and improved to 15-1-3 in their past 19 series.

The two hits and two RBIs were career highs for Byrd.

Barry Bonds went 1-for-3 with an infield single, a day after hitting his 694th homer. He originally was scheduled for a day off Saturday, since he often skips day games that follow night games, but told manager Felipe Alou after Friday's 5-3 loss that he wanted to play.

Schmidt (15-5) left his previous start Aug. 17 against Montreal with a strained right groin, an injury that forced him to skip a turn in the rotation. He gave up six runs and a season-high 10 hits in only 3 1/3 innings, yet had good enough stuff to finish with eight strikeouts.

He was outclassed by Byrd (5-4), who pitched out of his only real trouble in the third by getting Bonds on a routine fly to center and J.T. Snow on a grounder to second. The Giants managed only four hits against Byrd, three singles and a double by Ray Durham.

Atlanta chased Schmidt in the fourth. A walk and four straight hits — including Byrd's second RBI single — loaded the bases with no outs before Schmidt struck out J.D. Drew and Chipper Jones with overpowering fastballs.

Johnny Estrada grounded a single past Durham at second, bringing in Byrd and Furcal to make it 6-1. Wayne Franklin relieved Schmidt and struck out Adam LaRoche to end the inning.

Byrd's effort with his arm and bat was the second in as many nights for an Atlanta starter. On Friday night, Jaret Wright set a career high with his 13th victory and drove in the go-ahead run with a bunt in the sixth inning.

Wright (13-6) allowed six hits in seven innings, leaving his ERA at 3.20. He went 12-10 with Cleveland in 1998 but hadn't reached double figures again until emerging as the surprise of Atlanta's rotation this year.



Paul Byrd limited San Francisco to one run in six innings and also had two run-scoring singles as Atlanta beat the Giants 9-3 Saturday.

John Smoltz struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 35th save in 38 chances.

Jones hit his 25th home run of the season off Kirk Rueter (7-10), giving him 11 homers and 28 RBIs in August. With 72 RBIs, Jones has revived his hopes of driving in at least 100 runs for a ninth straight season.

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Solid half-court game

U.S. women
win gold for
3rd straight
Olympics

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Dawn Staley dribbled out the clock, turned and before she knew what hit her, was raised off her feet by Diana Taurasi.

The most dominant team in women's basketball had lifted itself again.

Staley and her U.S. teammates shook off early shooting woes and sloppy play to claim their third straight Olympic gold medal Saturday, a 74-63 victory over Australia that was ugly but immensely satisfying for the Americans.

They did it by turning up the defense, crashing the boards harder in the second half and, most important, finding their shooting touch — something the U.S. men's team failed to do.

So while that team of wealthy NBA stars prepared to play Lithuania in the bronze medal game, the women who will bring home a basketball gold celebrated with the unbridled joy of children at recess.

The gathered at center court and draped a huge American flag over their heads. They skipped around the court, smiling, waving and soaking up the adulation.

They played as a team throughout these Games, willingly sharing the ball and not worrying about playing time or stats, and they celebrated the same way.

U.S. men, take note.



United States forward Sheryl Swoopes, right, drives past Australia's Trish Fallon in the first quarter of their gold medal game at the Olympic Indoor Hall in Athens, Greece, on Saturday. The U.S. ran its Olympic winning streak to 25 games and three gold medals with a 74-63 victory over Australia.

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U.S. men end
nightmarish
Games with
bronze medal

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Bronze is better than nothing. That's one Olympic lesson the U.S. men's basketball team was able to understand.

The Americans took the third-place game seriously Saturday night, earning some revenge and salvaging some self-respect in a 104-96 victory over Lithuania.

Although they didn't get what they wanted in Athens, they didn't embarrass themselves in their finale, either.

"You want to win the whole thing, but you've got to cherish the fact that you were able to win something," Allen Iverson said.

"You come all the way over here to Greece and then go home with nothing? That's a lot worse."

Defeating one of three teams that beat them earlier in the tournament, the Americans got 22 points from Shawn Marion, 15 from Iverson and 14 apiece from Lamar Odom and Stephen Marbury.

The Americans' key to victory was their shooting, as it was in their quarterfinal win over Spain. After missing all five of their three-point attempts in the first half against Lithuania, they made eight in the second half — four in the final quarter.

The 104 points was the most by any team in the men's tournament, topping the 102 the Americans scored against Spain two nights earlier in the quarterfinals.

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American
Sanderson
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Medal count

Leaders 284 medal events in the 2004 Olympics through Saturday, Aug. 28.

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	34	38	28	100
Russia	23	26	35	84
China	31	17	14	62
Australia	17	16	16	49
Germany	14	15	18	47
Japan	15	10	11	36
France	11	8	12	31
Italy	9	10	11	30
Britain	9	8	12	29
South Korea	8	11	9	28

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